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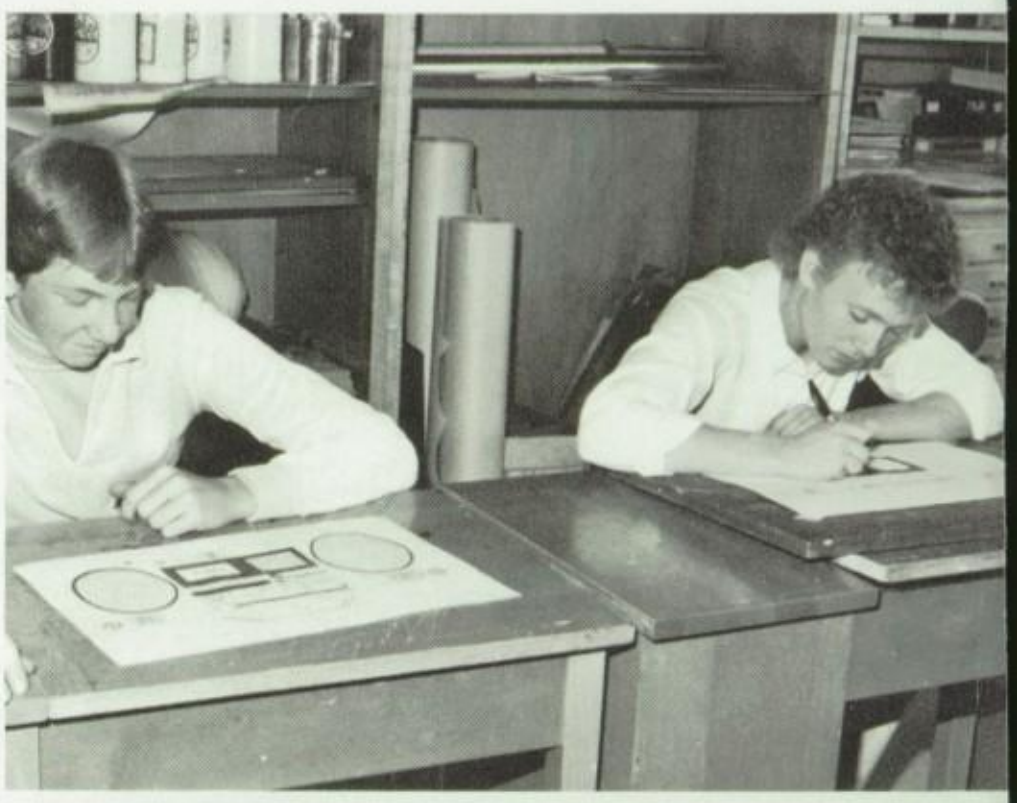


"Not bad." Tim Metzger and Adin Potter spend time on their projects during art class.

"Row, row, row your boat . . ." The Glee Club entertains for family and friends during one of their many yearly productions.

"Touchdown!" Rome Catholic Varsity Football adds 6 more points to their excellent '83 season total.

Can you find the football player in this picture?" John Krenitsky, David Minicozzi, Ron Pabis, and Ken Metzger show off their hidden talents as they portray cheerleaders at the annual Powder Puff game.

A STEP UP

On the first day of school no one knows what ups and downs the year will hold for them. Seniors anticipate graduation, Juniors await their rings. Sophomores outgrow that Freshman image, and Freshmen begin the first of four years at Rome Catholic High.

The "thrill of victory" and the "agony of defeat" are components of life that must be faced each day. These are the steps that shape our life and help us to grow and mature. Now step inside our RCH yearbook to view the ups and downs of the 1983-84 school year.

"HELLO, MOM, I FORGOT MY MILK MONEY . . . AGAIN!" Senior JoAnn LoVaglio spends the three brief minutes between classes chatting on the wire.

AIN'T NOBODY GONNA MESS WITH "JOE-COOL!" Taking advantage of senior privileges, Joe Rotollo prepares to head home as soon as his last class has ended.

"SMILE" These Freshman find their 45 minute lunch period something to look forward to during their busy high school schedule.

Members of the Glee Club "Step up" to show off their singing talents.

"Up up and away." An RCH student brings learning materials up to new heights.

Deciding on the theme for the 1984 Paraclete took a lot of thinking and, when the thought came, it took even more developing. The first thought was "Insanity", and everyone laughed. The next suggestion was "mirror images", but that was vetoed as much too common. Then someone said "A Ladder", and we all laughed even more, but surprisingly enough that thought grew . . . and . . . grew . . . and . . .

The idea grew into the concept of steps and the theme of "A Step Up." You see, each person is moving up to the next step. The freshmen won't be the youngest anymore and the Juniors will be Seniors!

In many ways, Rome Catholic and each individual is always "stepping up"—to new challenges and new adventures in life.

"Stepping up to help out" Pat Dangerfield keeps the heat running smoothly.

ACTIVITIES

Each of the many clubs and activities at RCH is a stepping stone to a special unity that exists within the school. Some of the activities include the Junior-Senior Prom, the Junior Ring Ceremony, the Art Show, and, of course, the annual musical.

These activities provide not only good times, but also educational experiences that help students take steps towards fuller involvement in the many communities of which they are a part.

38B??? John Krenitsky struts his stuff in what people called the funniest scene in the musical "South Pacific"—the Thanksgiving Follies—while Paula Gratch sings on, and on . . .

An instructor from Bailey's Karate School takes time to instruct students on the importance of Self-defense on Mini-Course Day. Other mini-classes included bread-making, Junior Paramedics and jazz dancing.

As is traditional, the Glee Club, under direction of Sister Elisabeth Colby, performs in the Spring Concert. Accompanists for this concert were Mary Skavina and John Krenitsky.

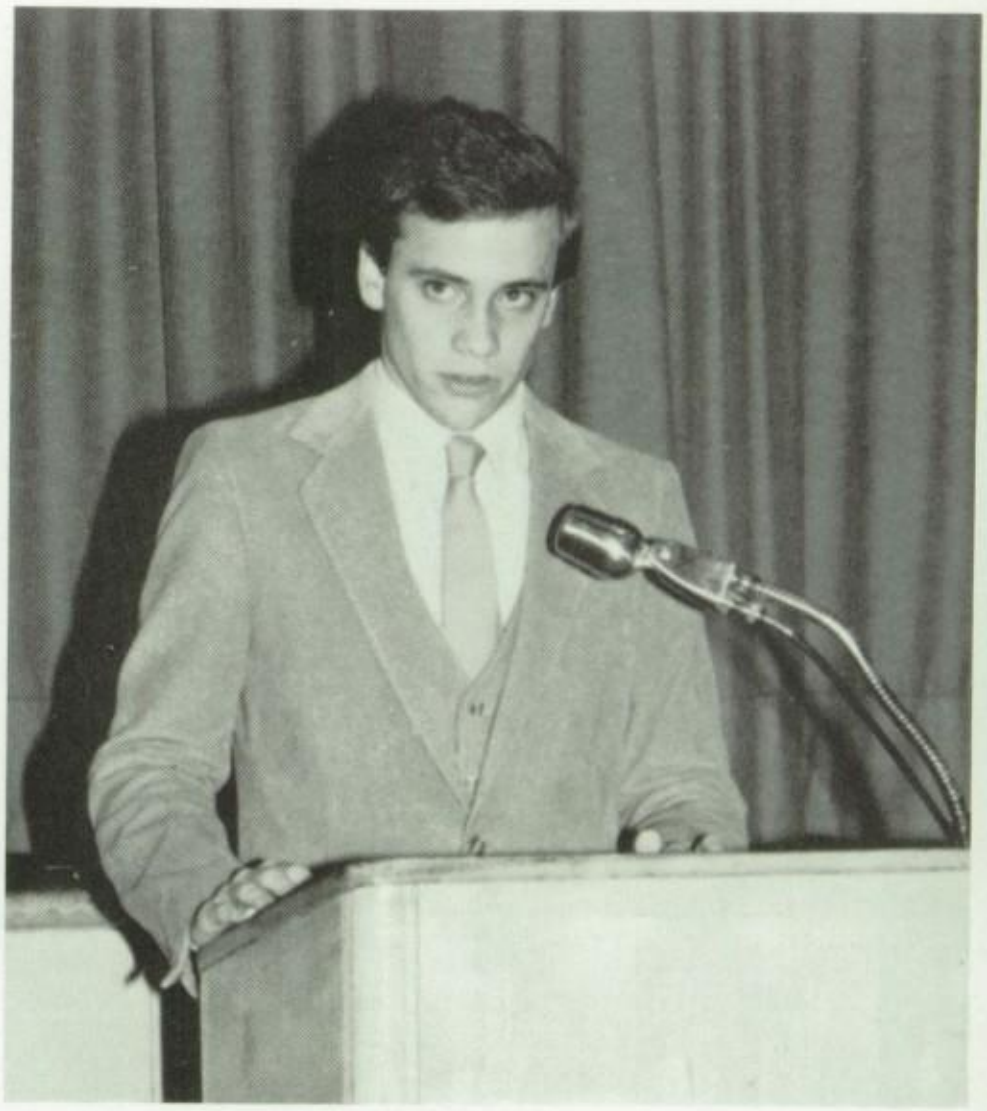
Spectators Meg Smales, Nancy Smales, and Beth Sorbello admire the various talents of fellow RCH students at the annual Spring Art Show. Displayed here are water colors and tempra.

JUNIOR JUBILEE

Following a new tradition at RCH, the junior class presented a talent show to highlight their ring ceremony on Nov. I. The evening marked their new status as members of the upperclass at RCH.

The ring ceremony began with a welcome by Matt Ossont, class president, followed by an introduction of the class by Dave Irvin. Father Durant then blessed the rings and presented them to Sister Mary for distribution.

Following a brief intermission, the entertainment began. Sharon Chu played "Solfeggetto" on the piano and Pam Poland performed "Concertina" on the flute. Other talented juniors included Sue Hayes singing and playing the guitar to "The Rose," Bill Richards giving a trumpet rendition of "The Overture from Superman," and Kristin Kinne doing a gymnastics routine to "Dragnet." The show's finale was a spirited dance routine performed by a group of juniors to the tune "Putting on the Ritz."



"YOU DID WHAT TO MY SPEECH?" Matt Ossont, president of the junior class, speaks as master of ceremonies at the junior ring ceremony.

Sue Hayes strums on her guitar as she sings "The Rose" before friends and family.

Vanessa Krabacher smiles as her mother closely examines her ring. Each student chose their own style and color.

"OUCH!" Choreographer and performer Kristin Kinne displays her talent in a floor routine performed to "Dragnet."

Glen Bielby, Buddy DiMaggio, and Sandro DiDastro admire and compare each other's class rings. Each one is unique.

STEPPING INTO THE LIMELIGHT

The tradition of excellence continued, when on March 25, 26, 27, 1983, at the Capital Theater, Father Peter Creed presented the Red and White Musical Players in Rogers' and Hammerstein's **South Pacific**. Father Peter Creed headed the show as producer, with Mr. Messick as drama director, Sr. Elizabeth Colby as music director, and Beth Eckert and John DesChambeau as choreographers. Fr. Creed commented that **South Pacific** was the best musical "overall" out of the six that he worked with.

South Pacific is a romantic comedy involving the love affairs of two couples. The main couple is Ensign Nellie Forbush (Paula Gratch) and a French planter, Emile de Becque (Gregory Lupica). The minor couple is Lt. Cable (Bill Richards) and Liat (Mary Panek). Liat's mother, Bloody Mary (Theresa Sorrentino) and Luther Billis (John Krenitsky) provided the comedy roles. Capt. Brackett (Patrick Kernan) and Comm. Harbison (Eric Pepper) led the dramatics.

South Pacific was dedicated to Sr. Mary Agnes Kehoe for all her loving devotion during her 13 years stay at R.C.H.

Nellie Forbush (Paula Gratch) and Emile de Becque (Greg Lupica) prepare to go "a-waltzing" in the Act I finale.

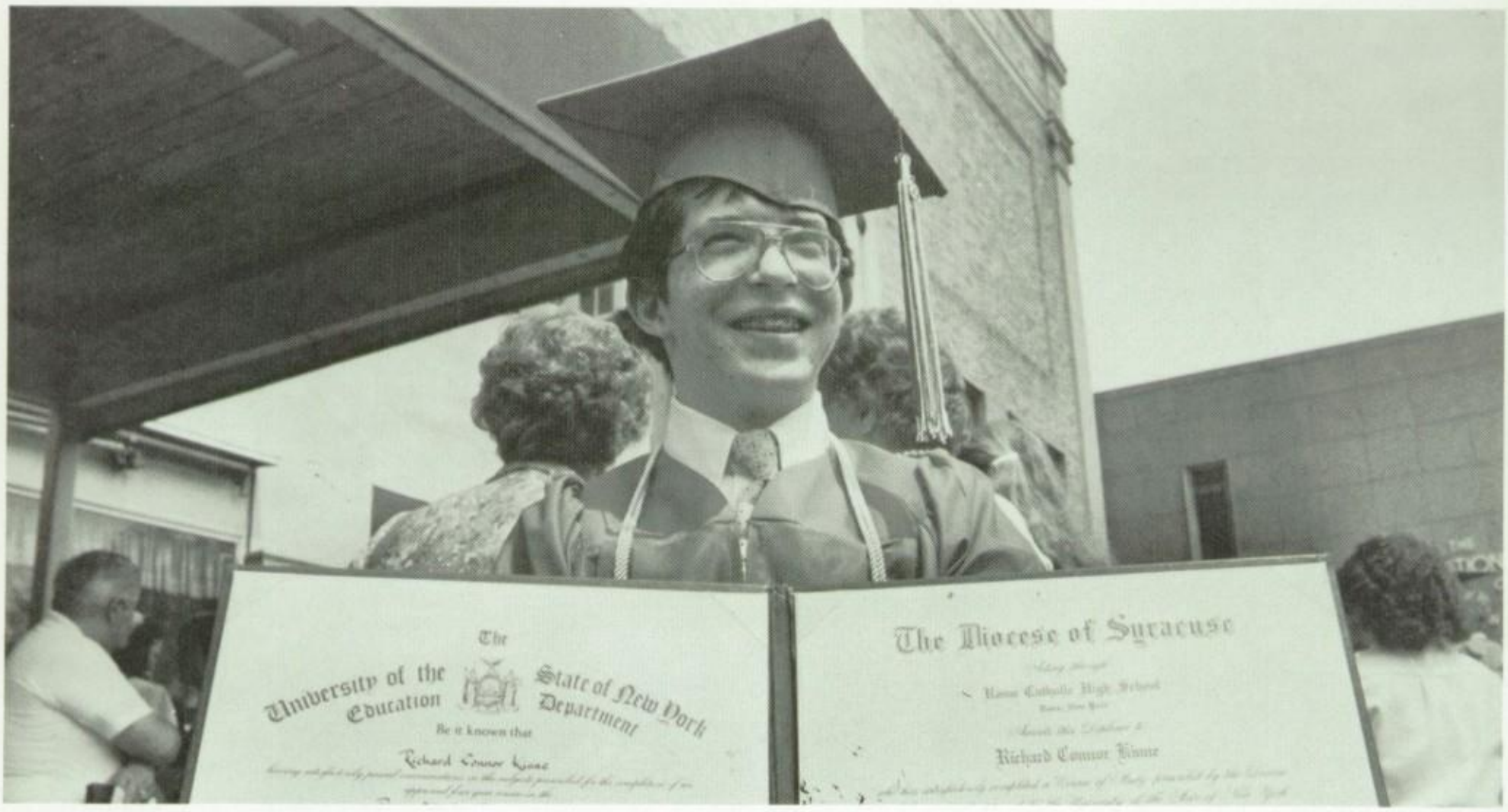
Stewpot (Ken Metzger) burns in another pitch during the Seabee's baseball game.

Bali H'ai native, Liat (Mary Panek), displays her dancing ability in the "Happy Talk" scene of **South Pacific**.

The Navy and Marine nurses sound off in the chorus of "I'm in Love."

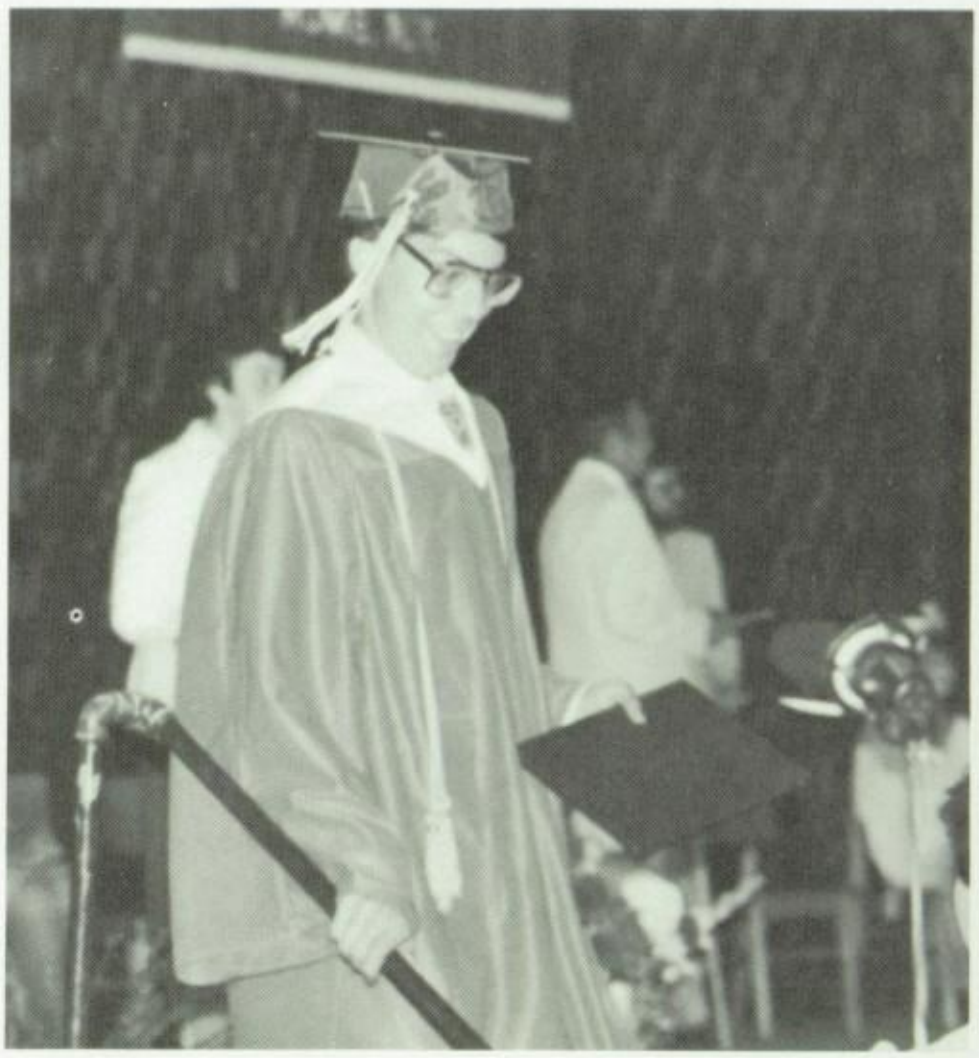
Hula-Babies: Ken Metzger, Joe Rotolo, John Krenitsky, Matt Ossont, and Ron Pabis perform a favorite number—"Honey Bun".

Bloody Mary (Theresa Sorrentino) has a serious talk with Lt. Cable (Bill Richards) about his love for Liat.



"MOM TAUGHT ME BEST!" Richard Kinne rejoices after receiving his high school diploma.

Salutatorian Mary Skavina and Valedictorian Laura Gurley share their joy with Msgr. Culkin.



"CAN I KEEP THE DRESS TOO?" Greg Lupica shows his excitement as a new graduate.

"GIVE US THREE STEPS." Sandy Delaney, Debbie DiMaggio, and Kim Pflanzer put the "best foot forward" after graduation.

RISING TO NEW HEIGHTS

"Appearing for the first time," the Class of 1983 gave a stunning performance at the Capitol Theater on June 18. The class was filmed by John James and the video tape was shown on Channel 19.

To receive their diplomas, 77 students crossed the stage to Sister Mary Salvaterra. Of them, 44 received Regents Diplomas and 11 received New York State Regents Scholarships. The National Merit Letter of Commendation was awarded to Robert Osbourne. Mary Skavina was honored as Valedictorian and Laura Gurley, salutatorian. Eric Pepper received a nursing scholarship and the Paraclete Award was presented to Thomas Delahunt.

The graduates were priveleged to have Sister Madeline Powers as their speaker. The benediction was given by Msgr. Francis J. Culkin.

Graduation not only symbolizes an ending in the lives of the 1983 graduates, but also a beginning. It is the completion of one step and the start of another.

"STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART"

The Junior-Senior Prom this year was a big success. It was held on June 4, 1983 at the Club Monarch. The Keys provided the music which the couples danced to. The theme of the prom was "Straight From the Heart," by Brain Adams. As the time for the crowning approached, the crowd grew restless. Junior Princess was Caryn Constantino escorted by Jeff Walsh. Sandy Delaney was crowned Senior Queen. She was escorted by Rick Butler. The evening will live in the hearts and minds of all who attended for a long time to come.

The Junior Court consisted of Dyann Haritatos and Chris DeLutis, Kelley Lyman and Joe DeFina, Dyanna Christopoulos and Ken Zeszutko, and Sharon Kotary and Glen Beilby.

Other members of the Senior Court: Lynne Campbell and Hank Schacte, Kim Pflanzer and Rich Desa, Karen Crouth and Tom Gorski, and Donna Festa and Tim Reilley.

Included in the Junior Court were Mary Gensheimer and Joe Benedict and Junior Princess Caryn Constantino escorted by Jeff Walsh. The Senior Court included Queen, Sandy Delaney escorted by Rich Butler, Laura Dunn and Rick Otis, and Lynne Campbell and Hank Schachte.

Larry Christopher "punks out" on the dance floor with Lisa Penman.

A gown and tux didn't hinder the dance moves of Maria Rielly and Ken Metzger one bit. As an added touch, Ken displays his gold cross—a new earring craze that was evident at the prom.

Laura Twardzik, Marc Argenzia, Patrick Kernan, and Kathleen Gifford rest for a spell and enjoy the Beatles-type music provided by the Keys.

DANCING STEPS

Dancing steps were taken on Nov. 5 and 6 of 1983, the date of RCH's annual Fall Weekend. The weekend included a formal dance and the always exciting powder-puff football game.

The band Night Train entertained over 75 couples with popular music. The themes of the dance were "Every Breath You Take," by the Police, and "Take My Heart," by Triumph. These themes were played after Paula Worlock was crowned queen. She was escorted by Chris DeLutis. Members of the court included Pam Didio, escorted by Joe Guliano; Kim Mullin, escorted by Steve Amodio; Mary Panek, escorted by Jeff Jennings; Kristen Kinne, escorted by David Minicozzi; Laura Twardzik, escorted by Marc Argenzia; Maria Reilly, escorted by Ken Metzger; Kathleen Gifford, escorted by Jerry Fiorini; and Caryn Constantino, escorted by Tony Lombino.

The "real action" took place during the powder-puff football game the next day. The girls were ready to go when the game began. The junior-freshman team took an early lead, which proved to be a fatal mistake. The senior-sophomore team fought harder than ever to catch up and surpass their opponents. The final score of the game was 28-14, with a victory going to senior-sophomore team. They were truly superior to the junior-freshman team, and this was partly due to the great cheerleading provided by senior guys John Krenitsky, Ken Metzger, David Minicozzi, Dan Gurley, and Ron Pabis.

Caryn Constantino skillfully dodges her opponents while running for a touchdown that lifted her team to a 28-14 victory.

David Minicozzi and Kristin Kinne slowdance after being elected to the court at the successful and fully enjoyed semi-formal dance.

Ann Marciniak travels at a quick pace to overcome her opponents while scoring a 50 yard touchdown for the senior-sophomore team.

Brian Romano, Sandy Miner, Jo Ann LoVaglio, Tim George, Lisa Pellerossi, and Lenny Giardino sit out this dance while enjoying each other's company.

David Minicozzi, Dan Gurley, John Krenitsky, Ron Pabis, and Ken Metzger get together to discuss which cheer to do next to support the senior-sophomore powder-puff football team.

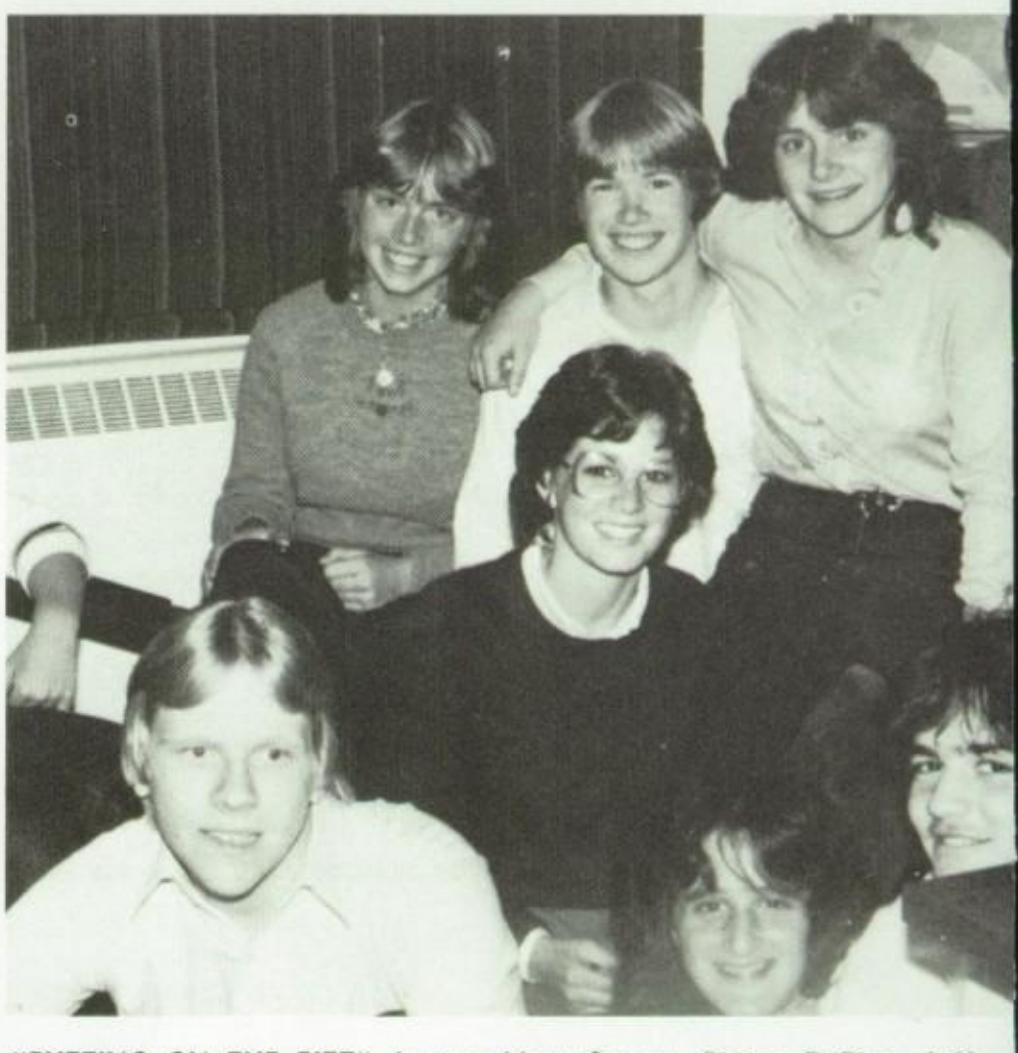
Pam Didio, Joe Guliano, Paula Medlin, and David Muscarella are caught in a special moment while listening to the modern sounds of Night Train.

PEOPLE

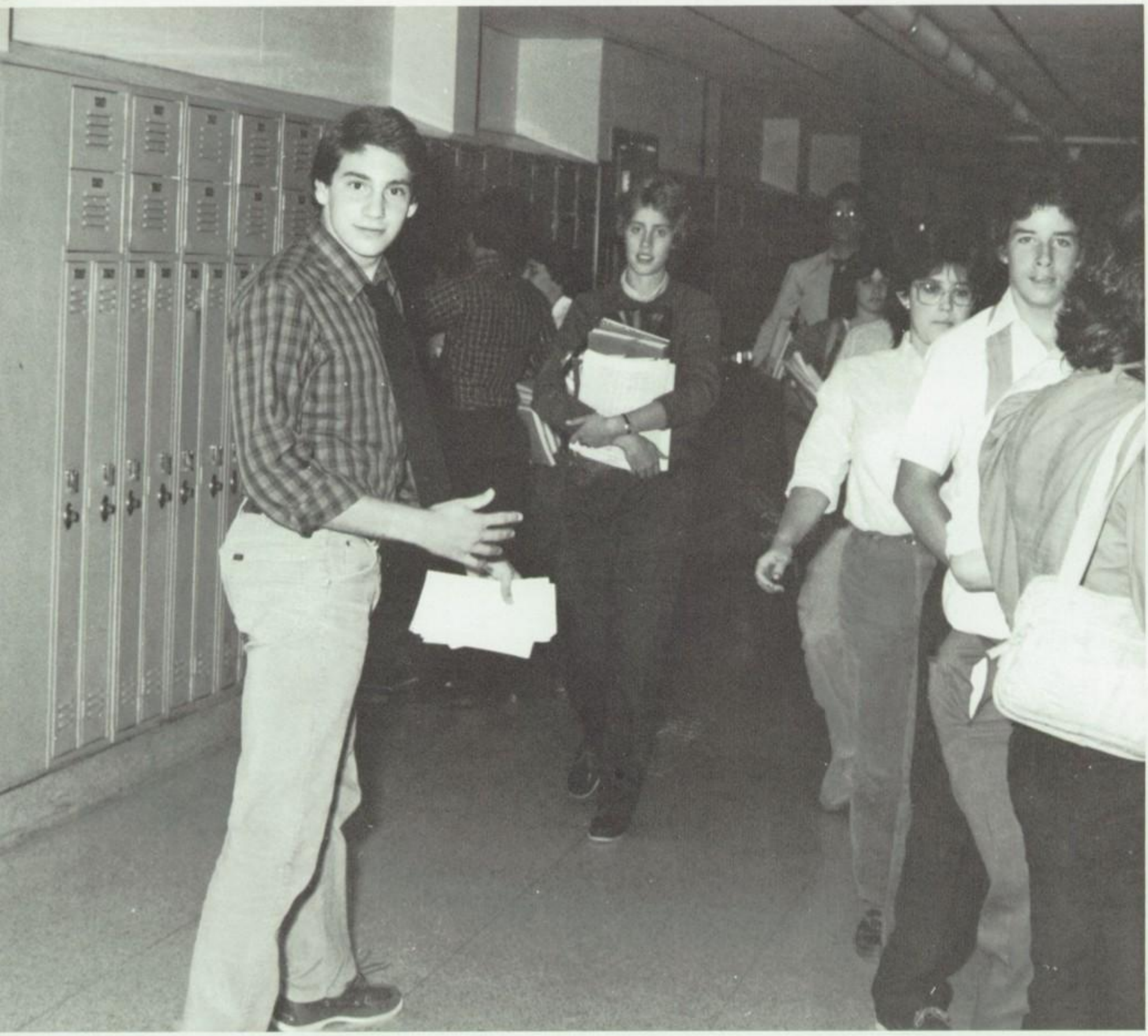
There comes a time for each individual to undergo certain changes, experience new emotions, and encounter special people. This is symbolic of our high school years when we continue upward on the "ladder of life"—progressing from our freshman year to our senior year. As freshmen we are often timid or easily impressed, but by the time our sophomore year rolls along we are wiser about the ways of high school. As juniors we face many changes, academically and socially. As seniors, though we appear to be confident and secure, we face many serious questions as to what the future holds for us. Each individual is just that, an individual; and each of us will be taking steps, large or small, to bigger and better things.

" . . . AND WHEN I TWIST HIS HEAD LIKE THIS HE STICKS HIS TONGUE OUT!" Juniors Chris Gensheimer, Matt Ossont, Kerry McMahon, and sophomore Carl Mattacola share a few laughs after a trying day at school.

"HOW MUCH LONGER DO WE HAVE TO KEEP SMILING LIKE THIS?" Seniors Steve Lewan, Mary Gensheimer, Paula Gratch, David Minicozzi, Shelley Reilly, Ken Metzger, and Kathy Gorski conclude that togetherness is what strengthens their class.



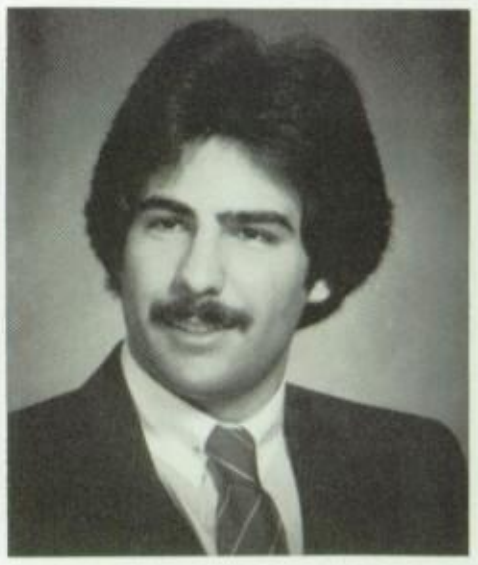
"PUTTING ON THE RITZ" Juniors Matt Ossont, Patico DeFina, Jeff Lupica, and Kim Swiss demonstrate their dancing ability at the annual Junior Ring Ceremony. It was the second year in a row that the juniors put on a talent show for their parents and friends.



"WHAT? I HAVE TO GO TO SISTER MARY'S OFFICE? IMMEDIATELY?" Jeff Lupica, junior, is caught with few books during the hustle and bustle between classes, while other underclassmen continue on their way.

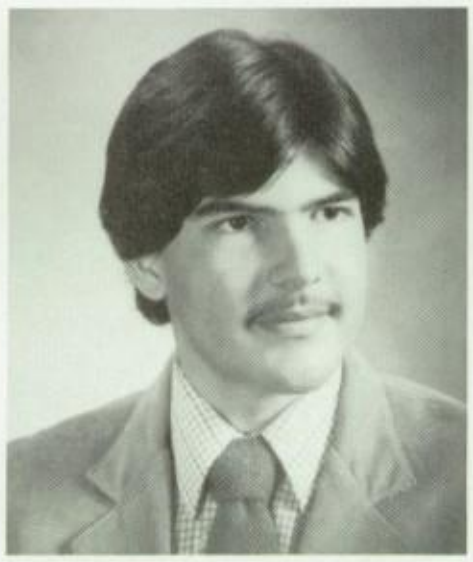
A STEP IN A NEW DIRECTION

It's finally here. "We're seniors," can be heard throughout the school—
They've done their time, it's a year for fun, they think they're really cool.
They strut through the halls like they own the place, they've been here for 3 years—
They've shared lots of laughter and along the road—some tears.
The seniors are a family, as close as a class could be—
They're ready for the world, and success.
They'll be winners in life—you'll see!

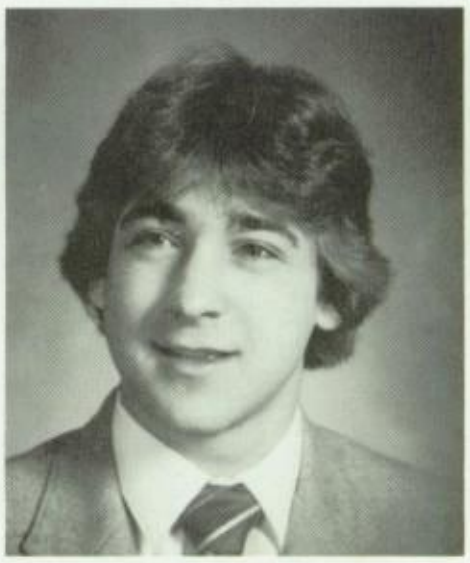


Marc D. Argenzia

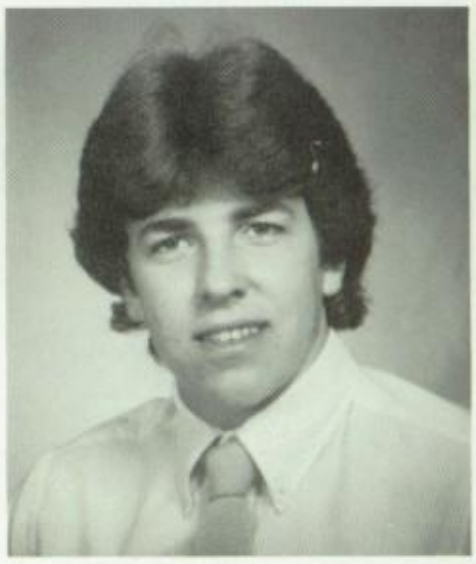
Juli Robin Barber



Timothy J. Basenfelder



Joseph A. Benedict



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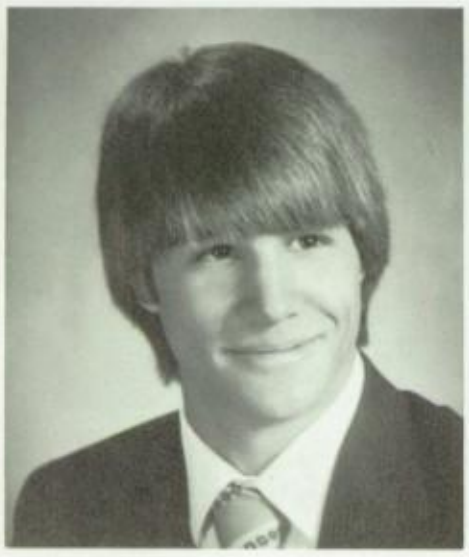

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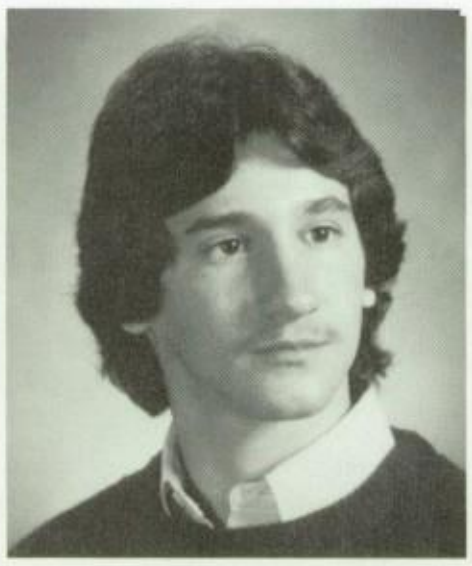

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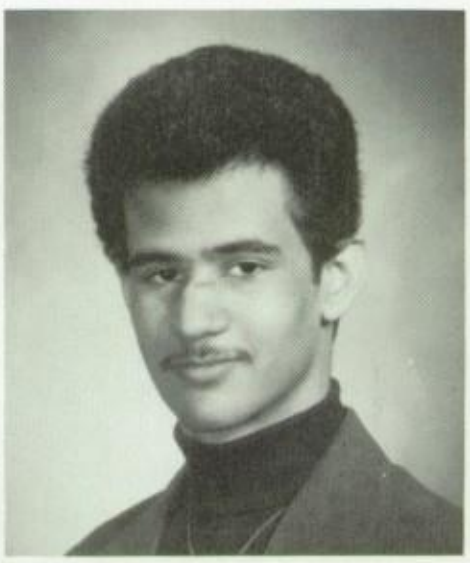

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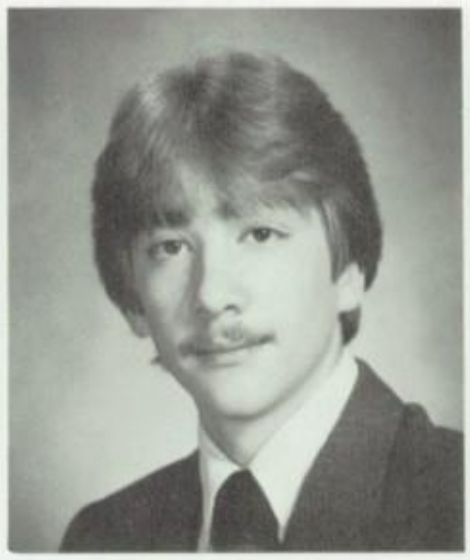
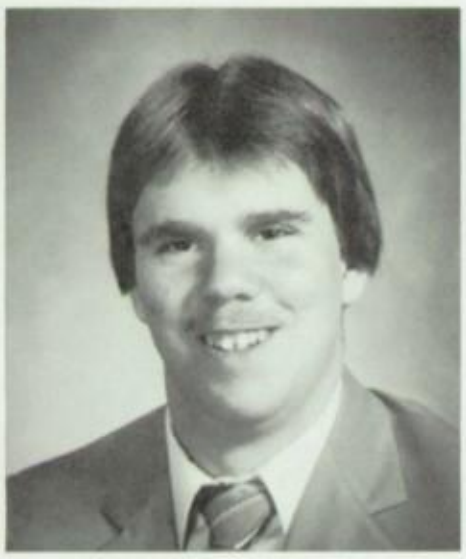


Heath Andrew Clemens

Tracy Lynn Cole



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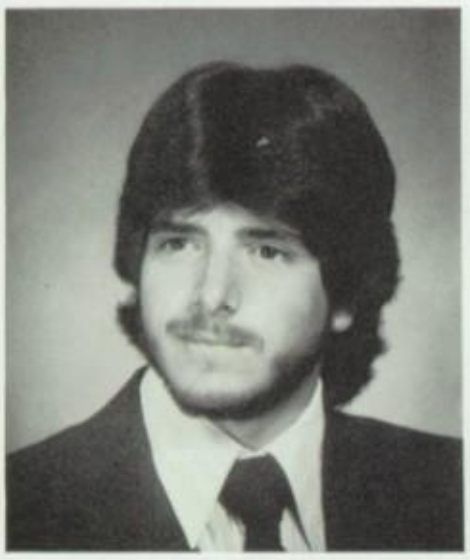

Joseph Anthony DeFina

Anne DellaContrada

Christopher P. DeLutis

Christopher Michael DeMartini

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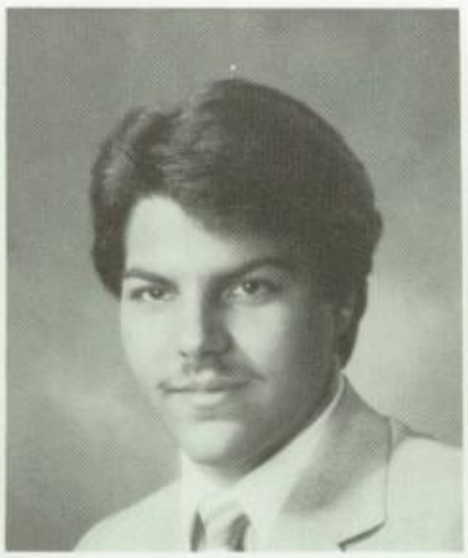
Deborah Sue Diehl



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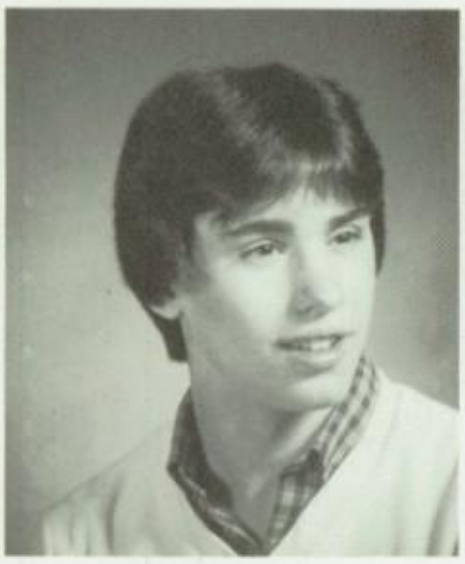

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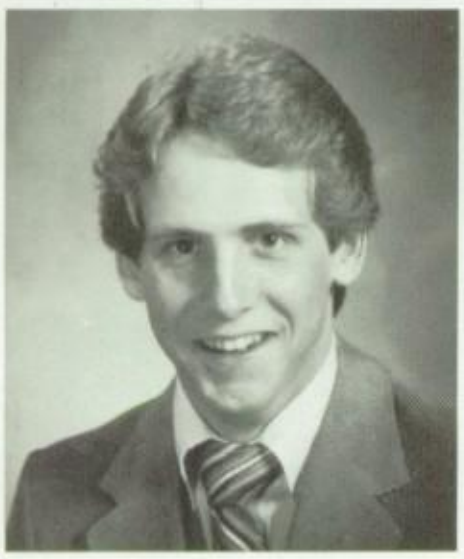

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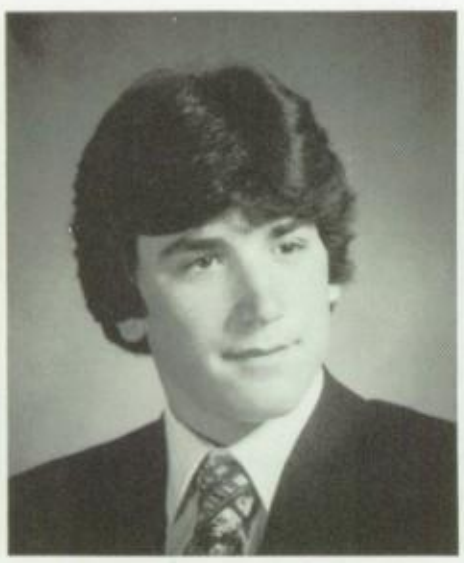
Mary Lynn Gensheimer



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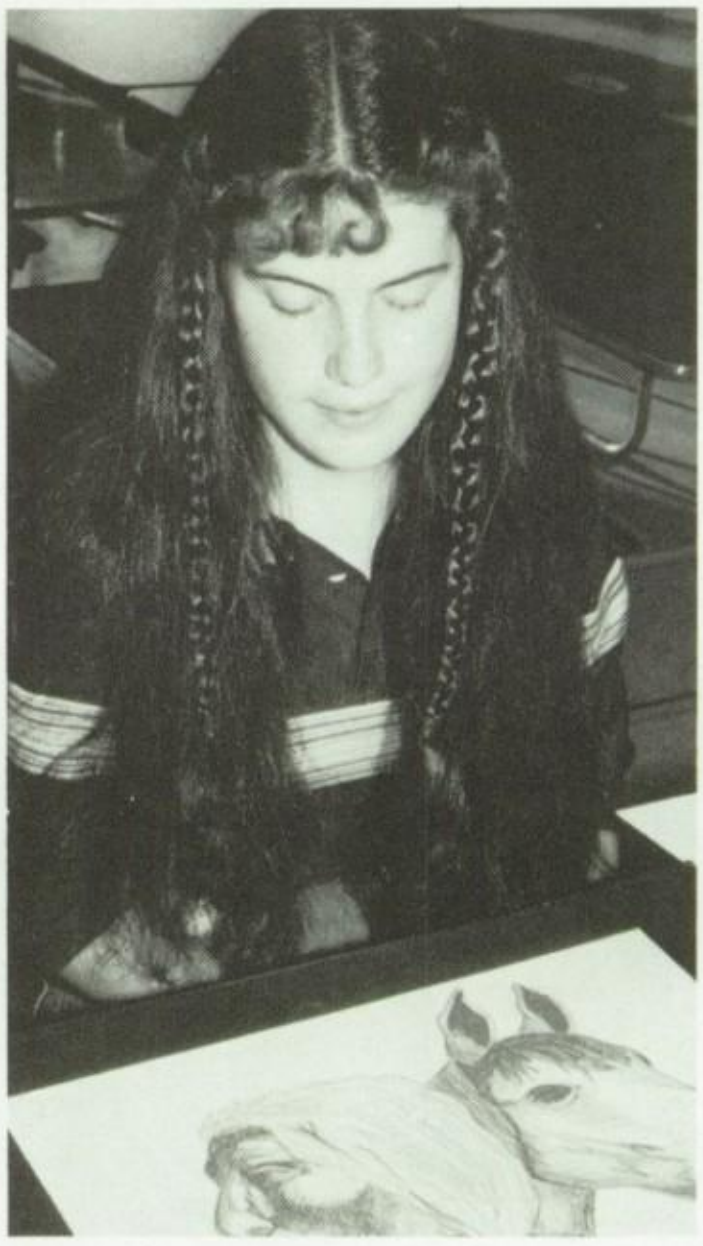
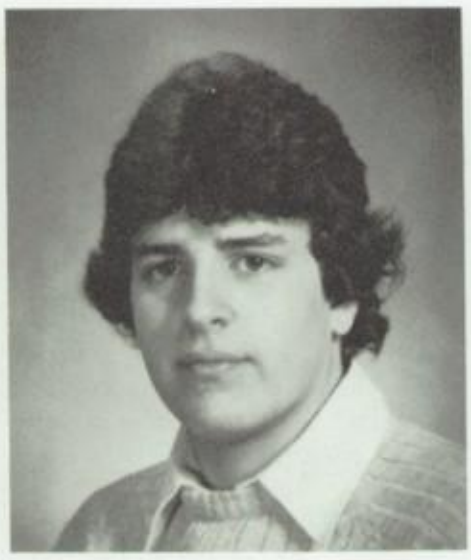


"Is that your grandfather?" Mary Hillenbrand, art student, displays her talent during the Art Show.

Paula Jo Gratch



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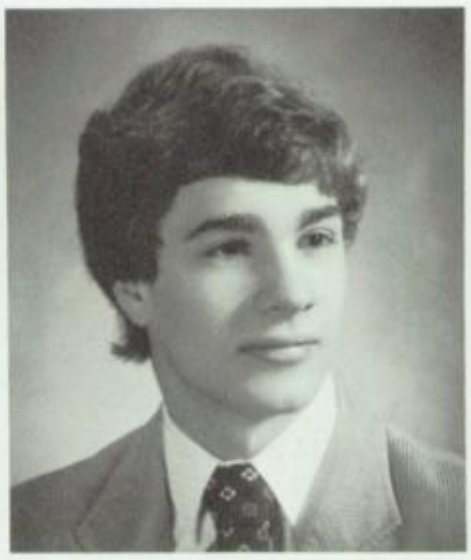

Daniel Henry Gurley

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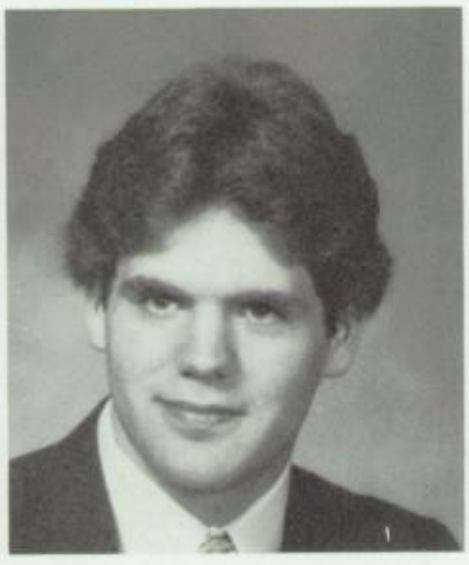

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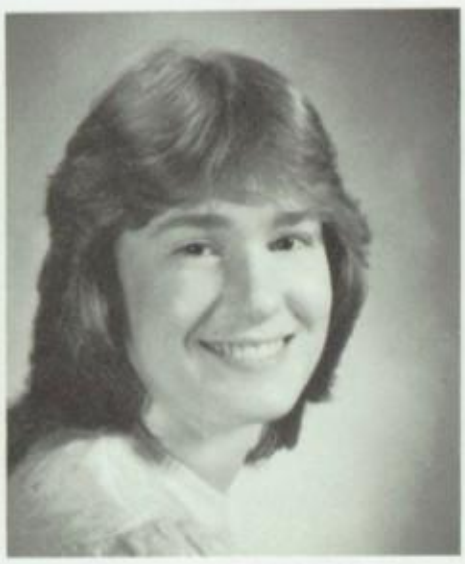

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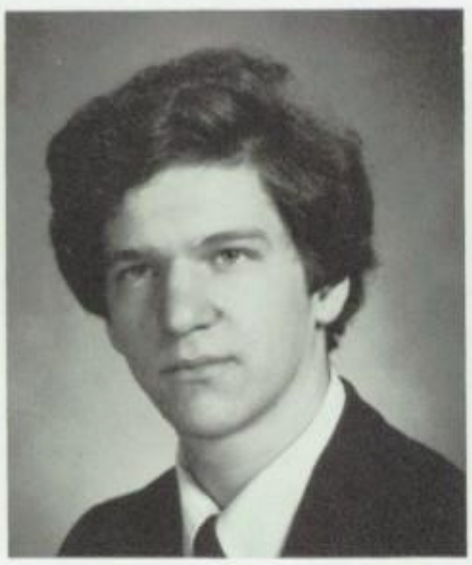


Jeffrey Allen Jennings

Nina Marie Kaufman

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

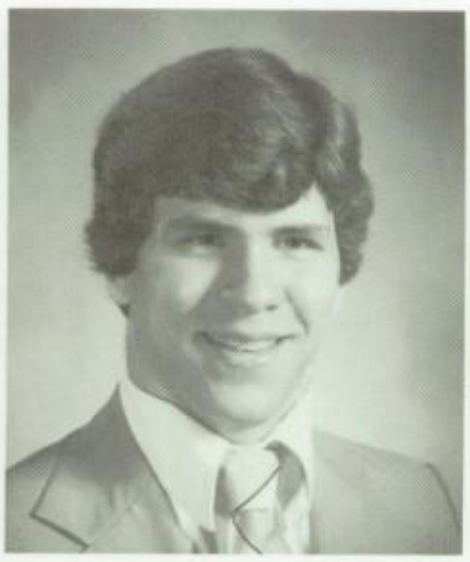
One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other belonging to the Lord.

When the last scene flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints and noticed that many times along the path there was only one set of footprints in the sand. He also noticed that this happened during the lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him, so he questioned the Lord. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way, but I noticed that during the most troublesome times of my life, there were only one set of footprints. I don't understand why, when I needed you the most, you deserted me."

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you." —AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Kathleen Alice Kernan



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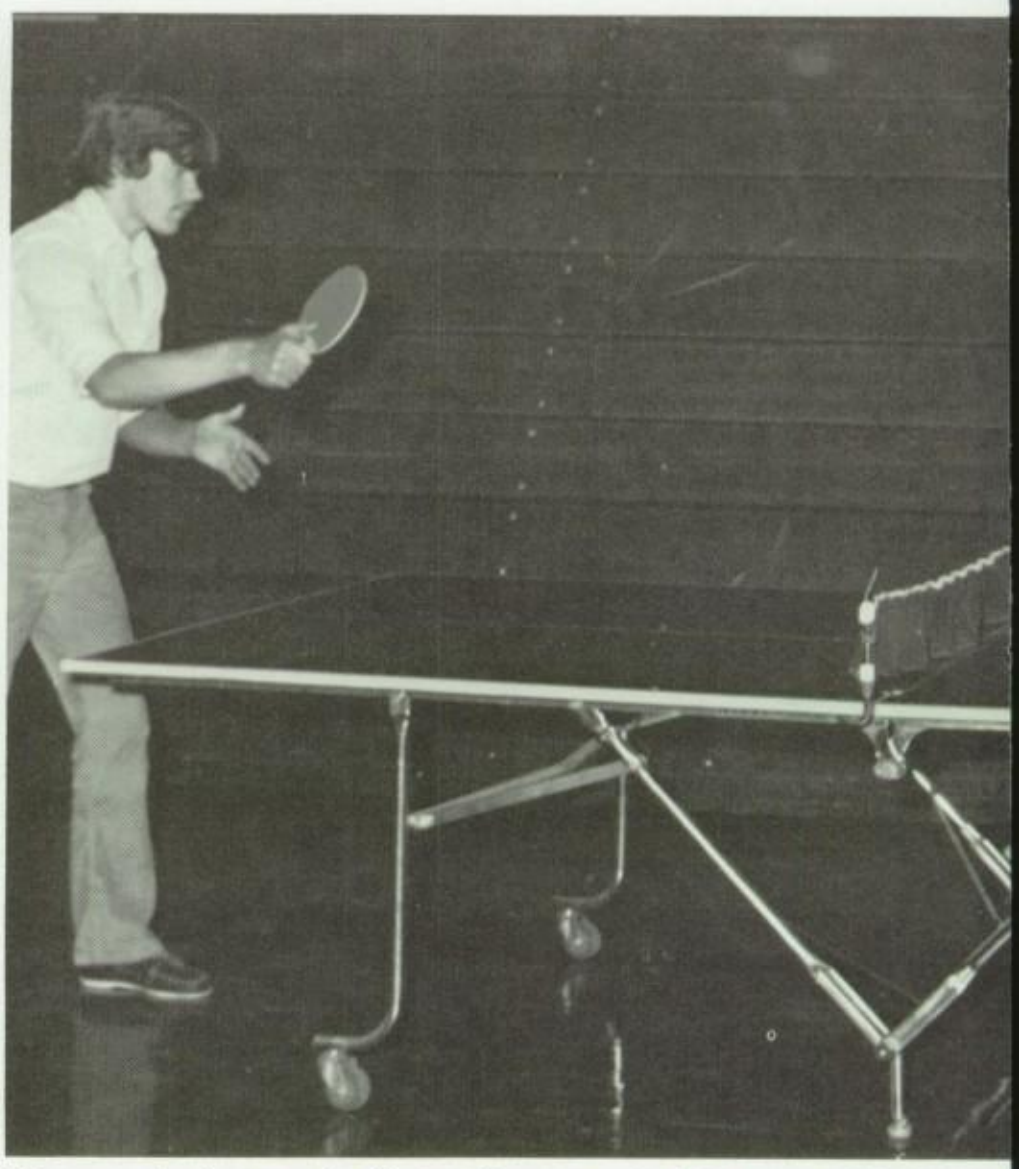
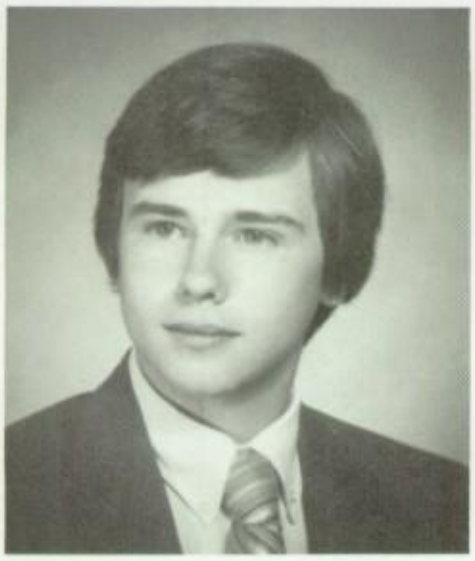
Rene' Ann Kirk

Sharon Beth Kotary

Dawn Elizabeth Krabacher



"They won't let me play!" Pat Kernan waits his turn while Bob



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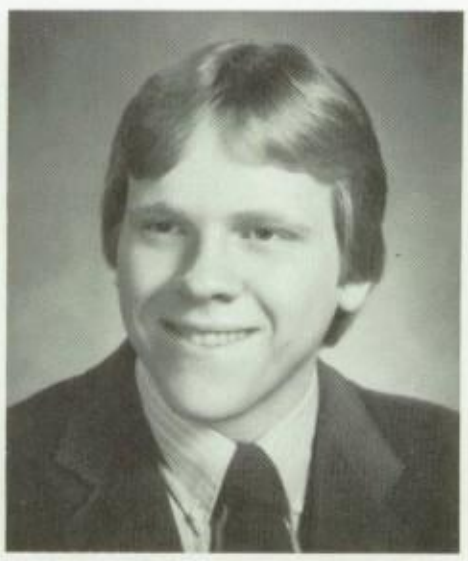

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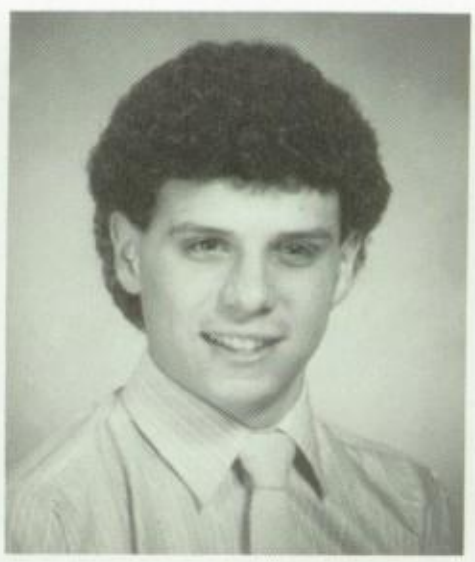

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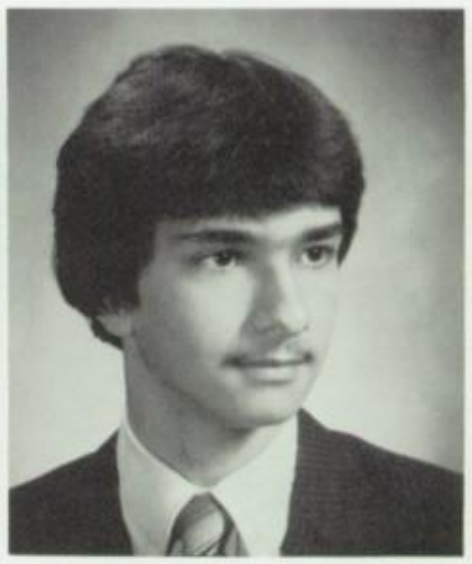
Francine Loparco

JoAnn LoVaglio

Craig Alan Luczak

Kelley Marie Lyman



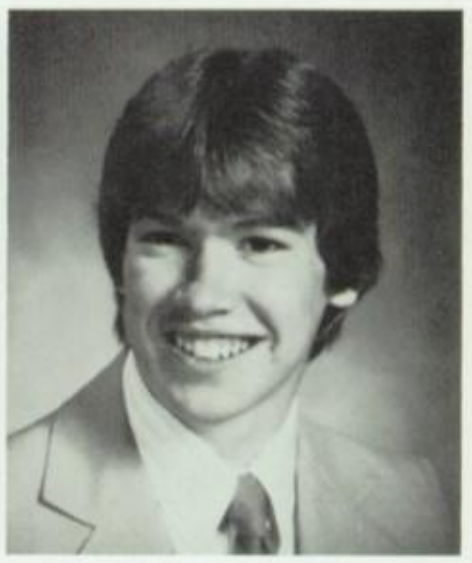
Dean Joseph Maracchion

Skibitski and Phil Shelley play ping pong during open gym.

Ann Marie Marciniak

Michele Marie Marrazzo

Ronald N. Mennecke



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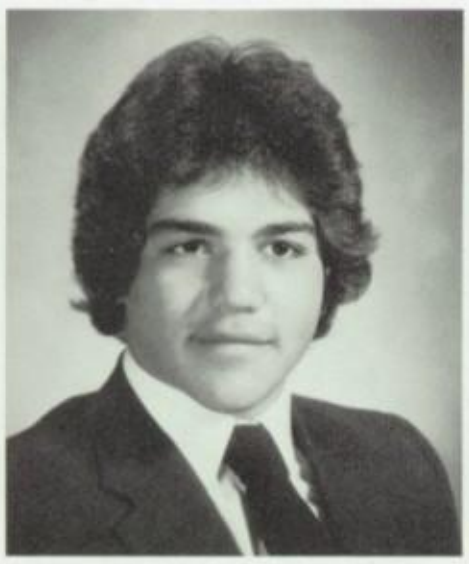
Sandra Lynn Miner



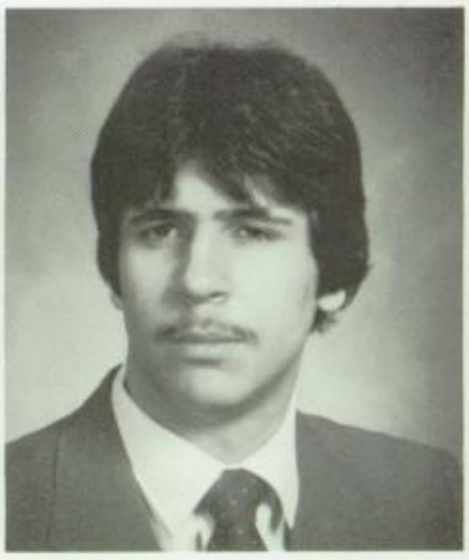
Davis Francis Minicozzi

Laurie Ann Monroe

Alison Louise Moore

Seniors Joe Guliano, John Krenitsky, Tracey Ferlo, and Julie Barber reflect in a moment of silence during a school liturgy.

Kimberly Susan Mullin



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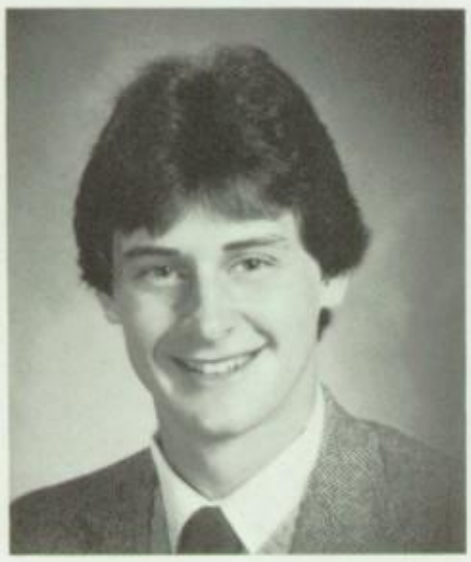

Ronald John Pabis

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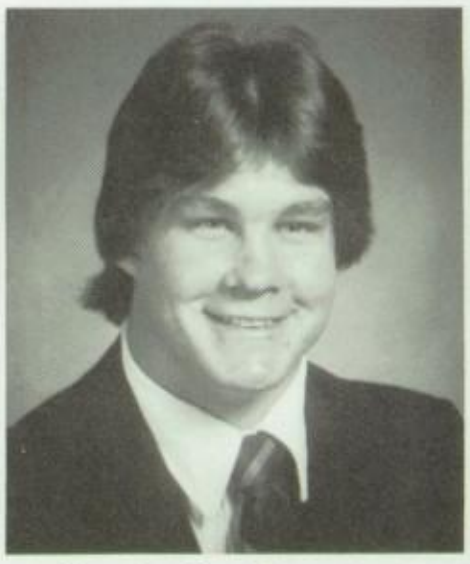
Jacquelyn Joan Pohorenec



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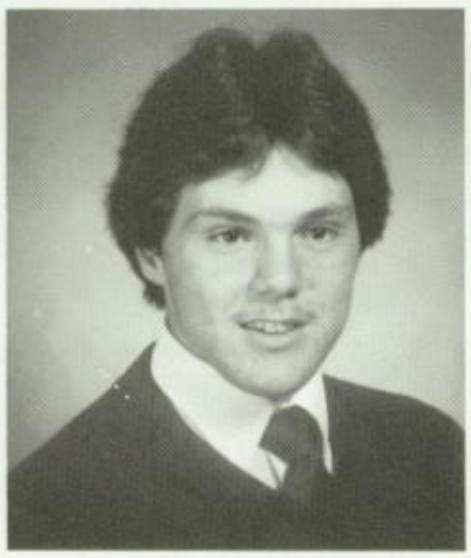
Michelle Elizabeth Reilly



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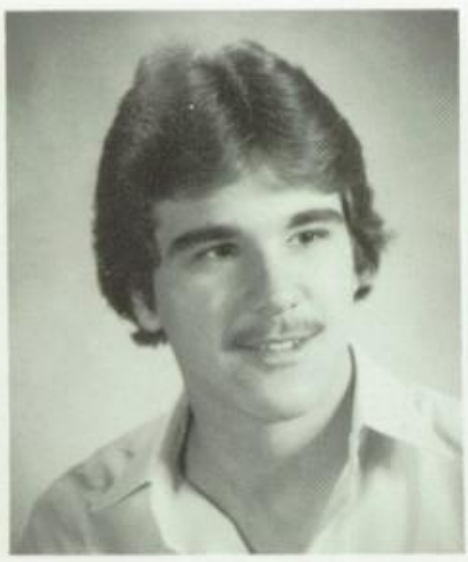
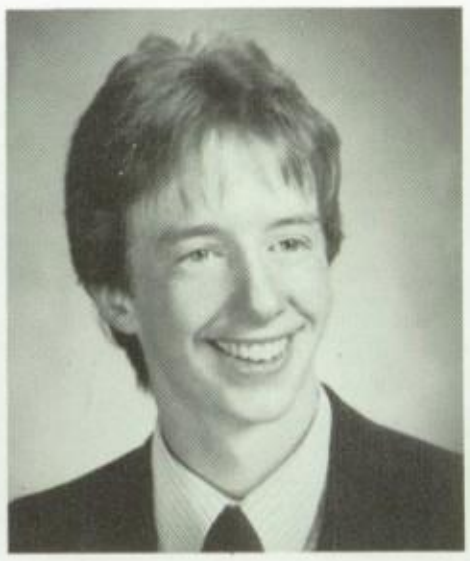
W. Dirk Ruane

Thomas Patrick Schmandt

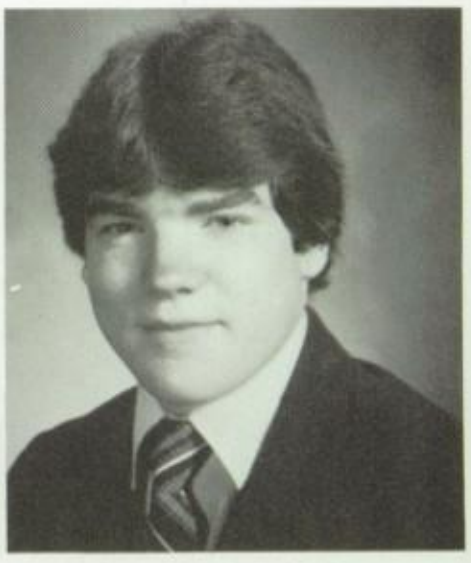


Mark A. Schultz

Nuala M. Sheen



Philip John Shelley



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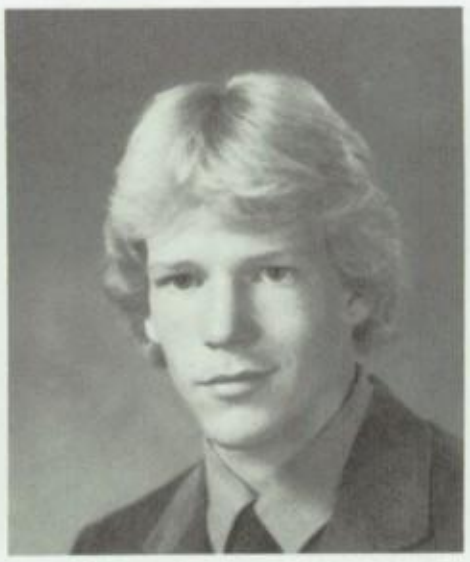


James Andrew Souhrada

Mark David Stachnik

Todd Andrew Sundell

"Aww applesauce!" Dirk Ruane rests up for senior year, at Caryn Constantino's camp during a senior get together last summer.

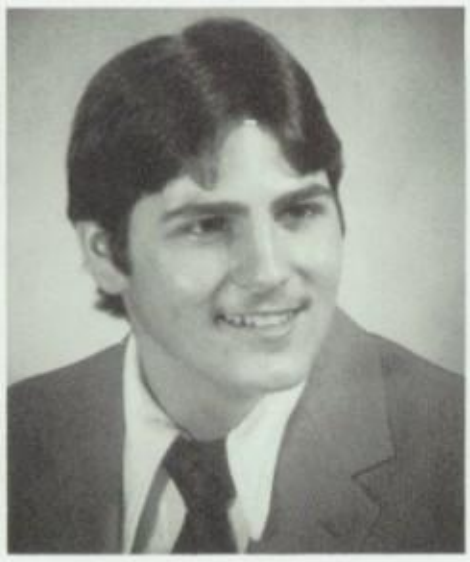
Valerie Diane Swiss

Laura Jane Twardzik

Beth Ann Vacca

Juliet Hart VanSlyke

Mary Milice Waite



Richard Martin Weber

Paula Aileen Marie Worlock

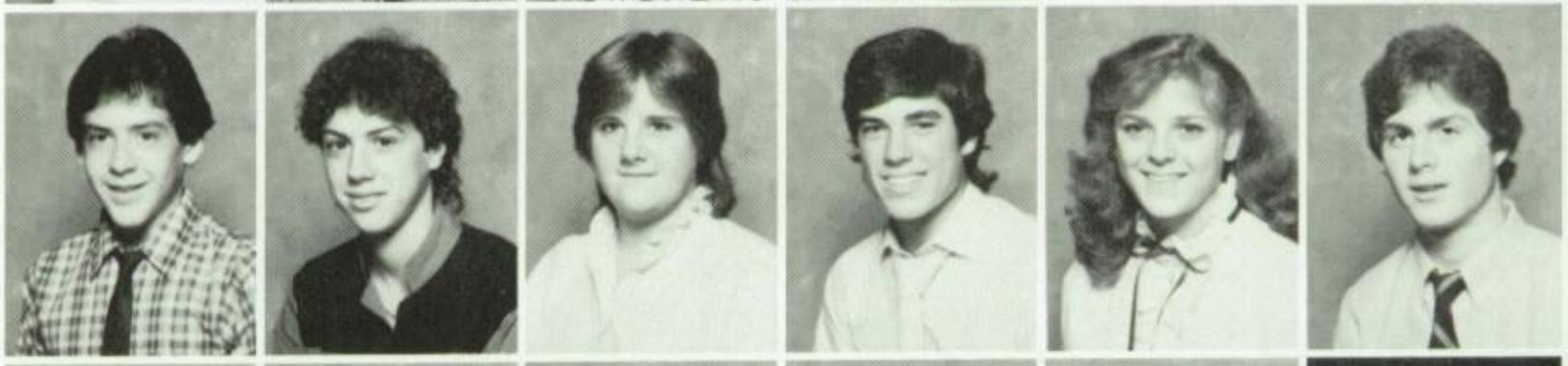
Richard Scott Zimmermann

CLIMBIN' TO THE TOP

Here they are, what they've hoped for, juniors at last—
And they remember what they went through to get here in the past.
They Have SAT's and trig., which they say is pretty tough—
They're bombarded with Regents and if that's not work enough . . .
There's poetry, and history, and chemistry in lab III—
When they're making up concotions, it's where you don't want to be.
There's just one more year to go, and on this they hold strong—
But of all the three years in the past, the junior year sure is long!

Glen Bielby's mother turns his ring as his father looks on proudly.

Timothy Barry
Mark Belius
Richard Benoit
Glen Bielby
Margo Blair
Susan Brauer



Lauri Brognano
Stephen Bures
Sharon Chu
Kelly Crane
Patico DeFina
Paul DellaContrada

Paul DiCarlo
Sandro DiCastro
Barbara Diehl
Simon DiMaggio
Cynthia Dite
Steven Dooher

Joseph Duffy
Julie Dunn
Kathleen Dunn
Susan Faust
David Favata
Deanna Fenus

Susan Gabriel
Maureen Gavin
Christopher Gensheimer
MaryBeth Gilchrist
Carleen Guglielmo
Ginger Hairston

"Lemme See! Lemme See!" As is traditional after the Ring Ceremony, these juniors turn each other's rings as a sign of friendship.

Susan Hayes
George Helwig

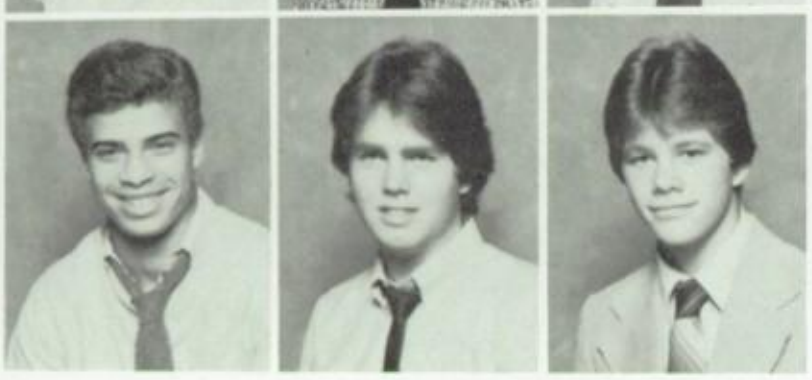
Gregory Hillebrand
Keith Hrychewicz

Shawn Hughes
David Irvin

Edward Johnson
Bernard Kaier
Kristin Kinne
John Knudsen
Suzanne Kobito

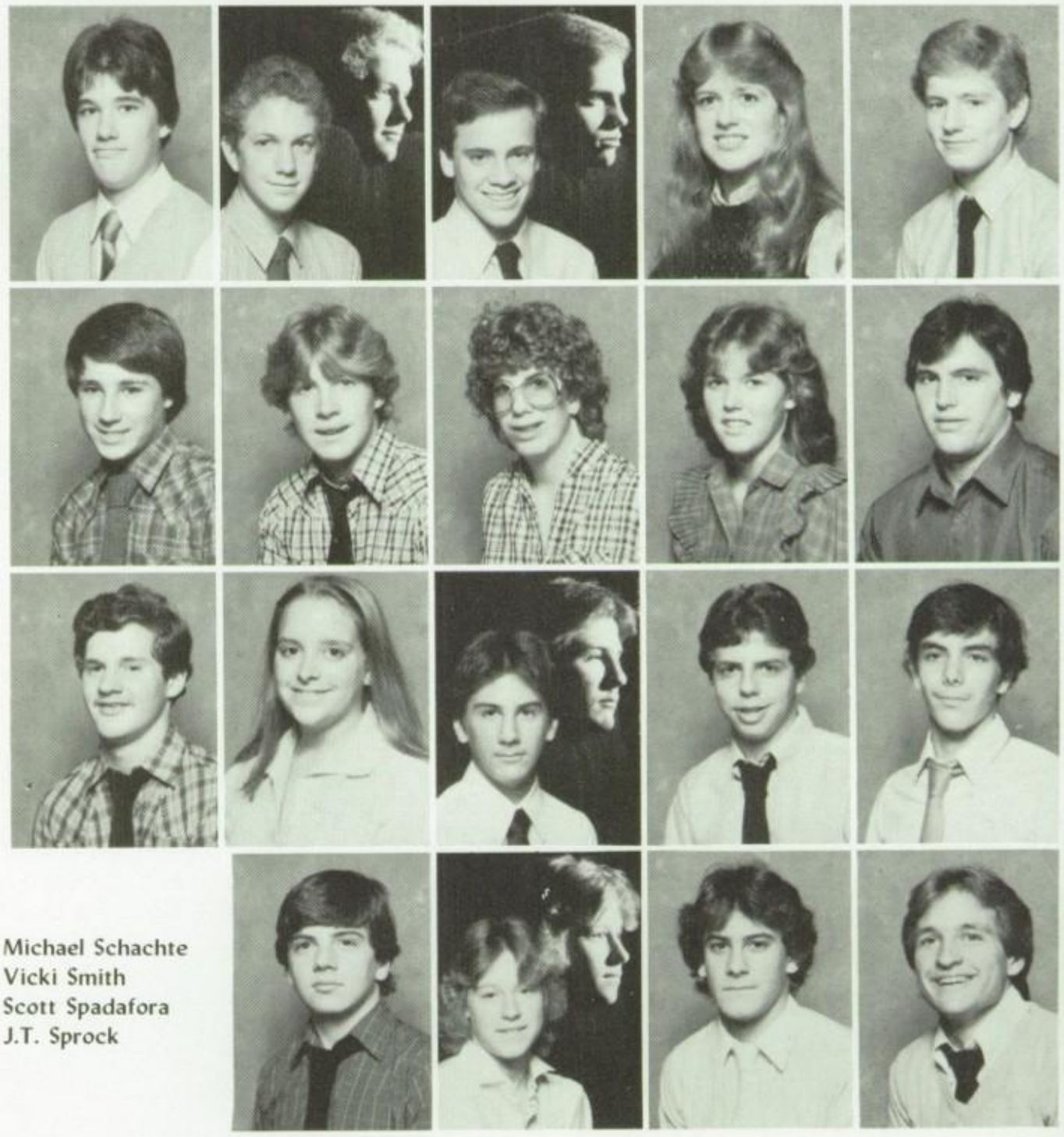
Vanessa Kravacher
Joseph Lachacz
David Linn
Judy Lombino
Jeffrey Lupica

Cynthia Manglapus
Nello Mastracco
Kerry McMahon
Colleen Mumford



Jon Nickson
John Northrup
John Nowak

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS: Cynthia Manglapus (vice-president), Kerry McMahon (secretary), Matt Ossont (president), and Chris Nowak (treasurer).



Christopher Nowak
Kevin O'Brien
Matthew Ossont
Pamela Poland
Sean Powers

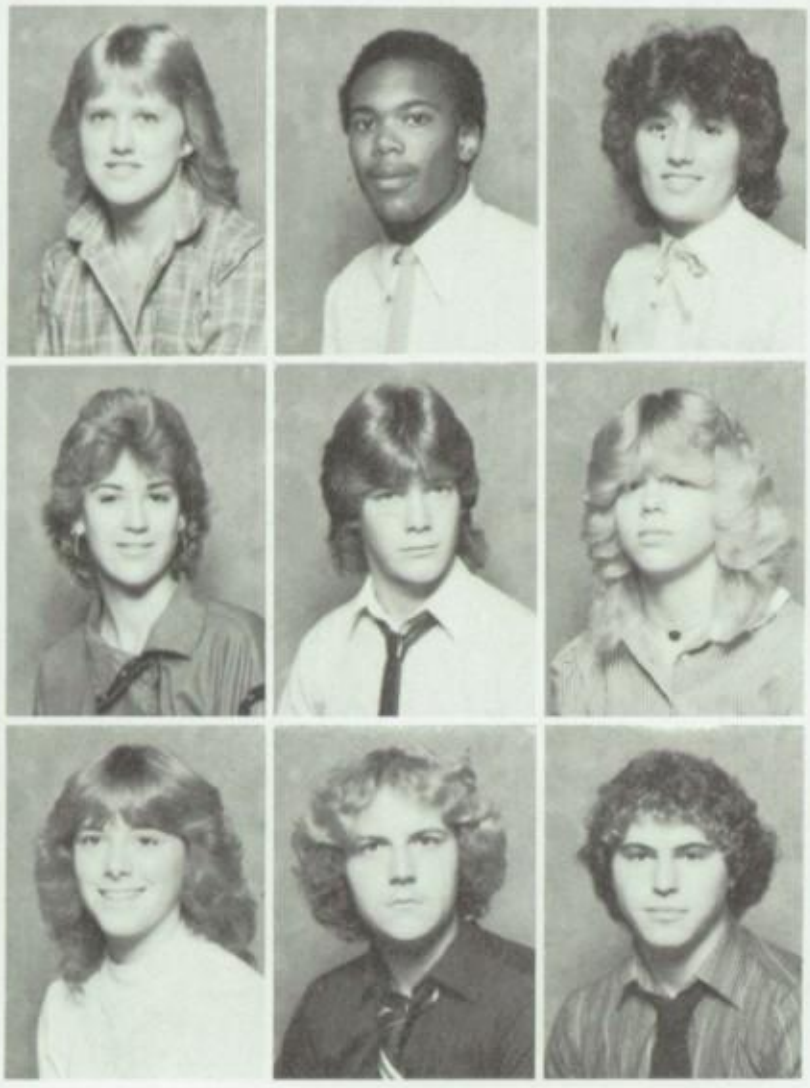
Edmond Precheur
Fred Rahmer
Carrie Rank
Maria Reilley
Matthew Reilley

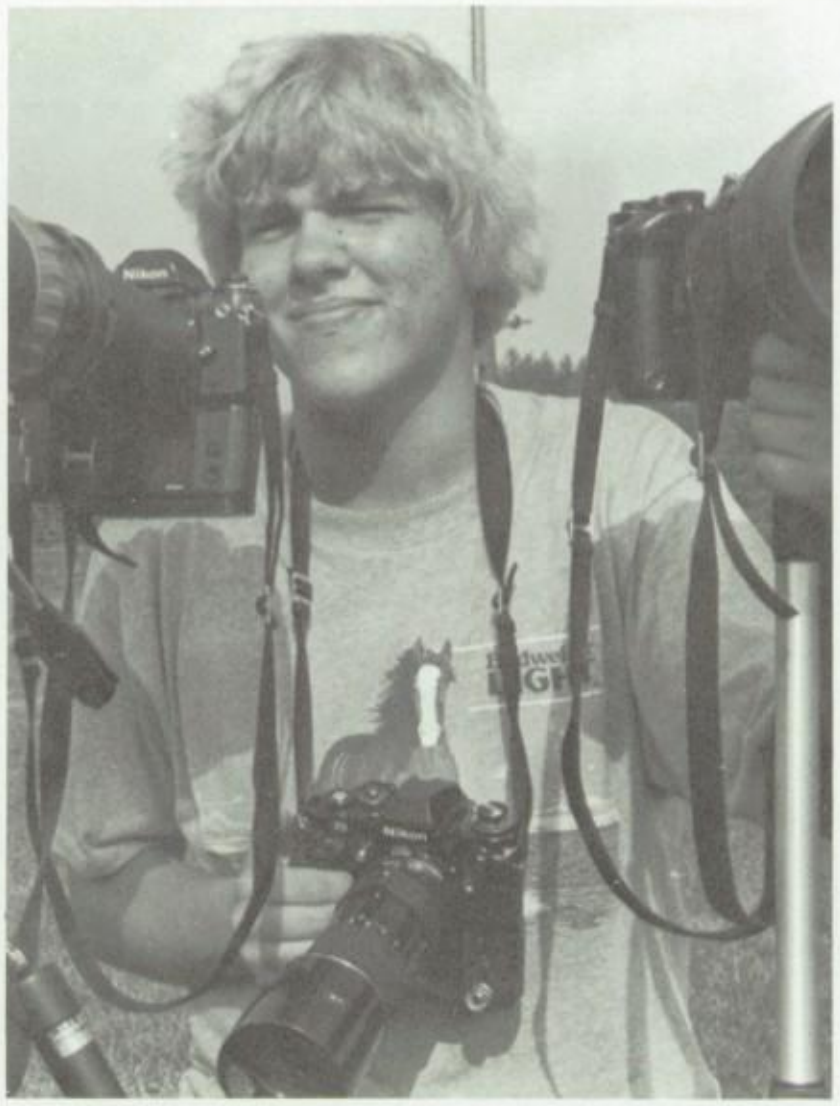
William Richards
Laura Roe
Louis Rognoni
Brian Romano
Michael Sovoy

Michael Schachte
Vicki Smith
Scott Spadafora
J.T. Sprock

Steve Bures, our student photographer, is caught in front of the camera instead of behind it this time.

Kimberly Swiss
Lara Wedgewood
Megan Woods
William Tims
Robert Welton
Marc Zandi
Catherine Verrenti
Lisa Wheeler
Edward Zeszutko





"NOTRE DAME, HERE I COME!" Kerry McMahon helps to decorate the cafeteria for the Semi-Formal.

Sharon Chu displays her talent at the Junior Ring Ceremony while she plays "Solfeggetto" on the piano.

MOVIN' UP . . . AND UP

They're no longer freshmen, they've stepped up to fame—
They're proud now to carry that "sophomore" name.
There's cultures, and English, and bio-labs to complete—
They're getting more acquainted with the people they meet.
NEDT's are upon them, geometry too—
They can't wait 'till they're juniors so they can study something new.
They're a unique class, and they really stick together—
They keep saying to themselves, "There's got to be something better!"

Cynthia Adolfi
John Andrews

Romona Basenfelder
Stephanie Bourgeau

John Boyer
Joseph Britten

Scott Campbell
Christopher Carrier

Ahn Chu
Loren Clemens

Russel Cote
Philip Crocetti
Carol DeAngelo
Lynne DeLaney
Ann Dibble
Marco DiCastro

John Dobson
Michelle Dooher
Kristine Dunn
Jennifer Falchi
Sean Fazio
Dana Ferlo

Desire Ferlo

Andrew Geary

Kathleen Gifford

Karen Gregory

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS: Mary Parry (treasurer), Chuck Walters (president), Andrea Scott (secretary), Carl Mattacola (vice-president).

Michele Grifasi

Lani Haines

Kenneth Hamer

Allen Hollifield

Leah Houle

Amy Hryckewicz

Darlene Izzo

Carol Kaier

Ryan Kane

Heidi Kaufman

Michael Kaufman

Peter Kirk

Darla Kotary

Michael Lanckton

Michelle Macalik

Kelly Magoon

Glen Manglapus

Ellen Marchione

Michelle Dooher and Kim Gromelski listen attentively during Career Day.

Curtis Mast
Dina Merlo

Carl Mattacola
Timothy Metzger

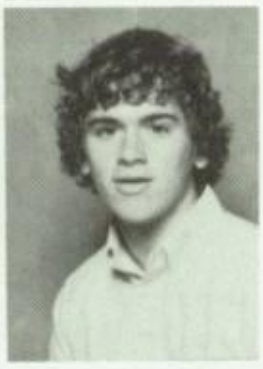
Daniel McAuliffe
Mark Miner

Mark Minicozzi
Patrick Monaghan
Karin Murphy
Kelly O'Brien
Kathyrn O'Connell

Anna Palasciano
Thomas Panasci
Maria Paris
Mary Parry
Mary Perry

Brian Pflanzer
Kathyrn Pflanzer
Adin Potter
Stacia Potter
Sheila Powers

Colleen Reilley
Michael Reilly



Curt Mast, Sharon Chu, and Ahn Chu chat while they wait in line to go downstairs for class.

Julia Roe
Anita Sharma

Andrea Scott
David Simchik

Sabrina Sgroi
Jill Smaldon

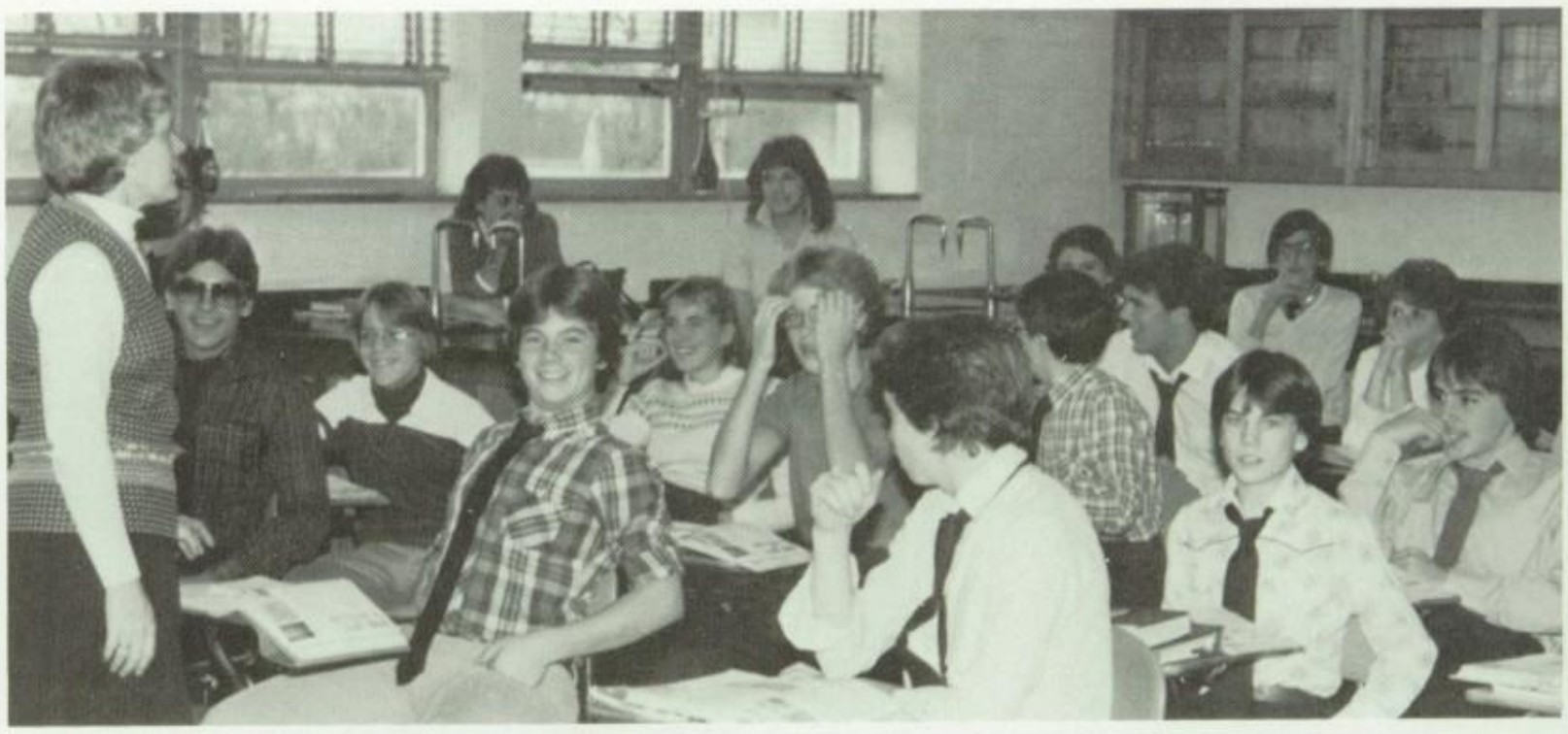
"Chocolate Milk; Take 86." Jill Smaldon, Darlene Izzo, and Romona Basenfelder take a break at lunch time.

Nancy Smales
Elizabeth Sorbello
Jennnifer Souhrada
Lawrence Spada
George Travis

Francine Trybalski
Joyson Tuthill
Vilayphone
Vongnakhone
Charles Walters
Michael Warwick

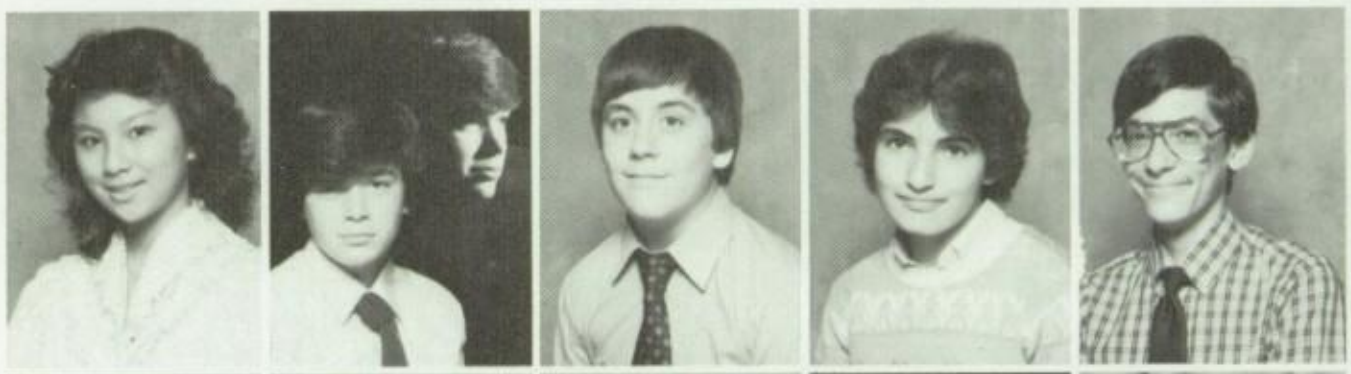
Thomas Wilson
Thomas Yoxall

Marco DiCastro, John Andrews, Michael Reilly, John Boyer, and Peter Kirk wait anxiously to play baseball.



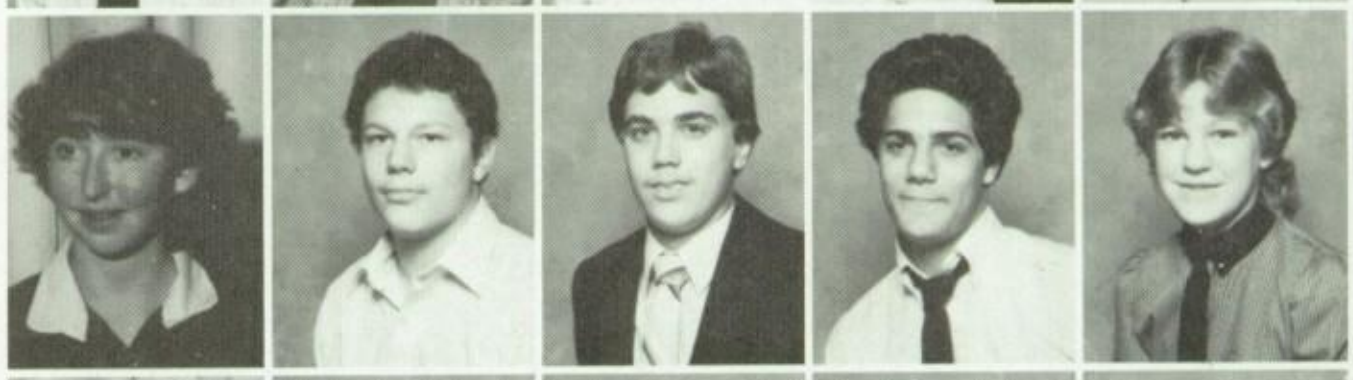
Sister Maura's Modern Science class poses for a picture while Sister explains the importance of paying attention in class.

Cecille Abraham
Charles Barnes
John Bellman
Deborah Betrus
Marc Betrus



Robert Blair
Alicia Borgivini
Mary Boyer
Timothy Bragg
April Bravo

Melanie Browka
Salvatore Buccellato
Stephen Burgus
Nick Calicchia
Leigh Campbell



Monica Kaul
Elizabeth Cavallaro
Scot Ceravolo
James Clinch
Josie Cochran

Jennifer Connell
Cheryl Converse
Brian Conway
Crystal Cox
Richard DeBella

FIRST STEPS

They arrived in September; all nervous and shy—
They struggled through the halls as seniors passed by.
Their tastebuds were stunned by the food at noon—
And in Afro they dreamt of that last day in June.
They read **Romeo and Juliet** and about nucleus of the cell—
But soon they were accustomed to the RCH way—
They're studious and friendly and together they'll stay.

Pretzels are the newest craze in the RCH cafeteria. Here, Sean Nowak takes a bite.

Carla DeGristina
David Della Contrada

James DeMare
Pamela Didio
Patricia Dite
Kathleen Dooher
Michael Durr
Kimberly Dursi

Robert Dyer
Daniel Edwards
Steven Falchi
Mary Fragapane
Donna Gadomski
Michael Gavin

Andrew Green
Patrick Gualteri
Brian Guglielmo
Michael Hayduk
Frank Hilow
Daniel Isom

Marie Izzo
Felicia Jablonski
Allen Johnson
Shane Krabacher
Shelley Krabacher
William Kunigonis

Robert Link
Robert Marek
M. Raquel Marino
Tara Marrello
Colleen McAuliffe
Joseph McMahon

Kristine Merkel
Russell Metzger
Terri Miner
Joseph Minicozzi
Heather Musa
Karen Northrup

Sean Nowak
Andrea O'Donnell
Darrell Oliver
Heather Owens
Patricia Paris
David Pekola

Kristy Peters
John Piccola
Christopher Popowski
Mark Powonsky
Sharon Reilly
Mary Riggi

Todd Riolo
Matthew Rollo
Jennifer Ruane
Michael Scaccia
Aimee Scanlon
Ralph Schissler

Enjoying a new experience, members of the freshmen class end the school day with open gym.

Rebecca Smith
Lisa Sweeny
Brian Thomas
John VanDuyne
Jennifer Wallace
Frank Walters

Michael Warcup
Jennifer Warmuth
Melissa Wezowicz
Scott Wick
Michelle Willson
Dennis Wilson

Melissa Zick

"We did it!" Nick Calicchia breaks into a smile after the Freshmen's baseball victory.

FRESHMEN CLASS OFFICERS: Cristal Cox (vice-president), Pam Didio (secretary), Raquel Marina (treasurer), and Sherry Reilly (president).

CLUBS

Clubs are a very important part of the RCH ladder. They are a positive way to help students express their interests and achieve new goals.

There are twelve clubs at RCH that offer students involvement in a wide variety of activities ranging from planning liturgies to acting on stage and from writing for the yearbook to participating responsibly in student government. All of these clubs give students the opportunity to meet new people and to develop new friendships.

"I BET YOU'RE WONDERING WHY I CALLED YOU ALL HERE TODAY . . ." Matt Ossont, in the role of Russ, discusses his neighbor Harold's (Toby Cabral) obsession with old age in the comedy "Let Him Sleep 'Til It's Time For His Funeral." Their wives (Nina Kaufman and Paula Gratch) listen to the humorous conversation.

"SPIRIT OF '84 . . . ALIVE" This was the theme for the opening mass prepared by the liturgy committee. The liturgy committee, moderated by Father Creed, thoughtfully works on a theme and gives students a rememberance, such as a Christmas tree ornament, at each celebration.

DO, RE, MI . . . The glee club, under the direction of Sister Elisabeth Colby, performs in their annual spring concert. These students perform two concerts for friends and family while also entertaining various organizations, such as the Knights of Columbus.

"WAIT GEORGE, WAIT! YOU'VE ALREADY GOT MY HEAD!" George Helwig (St. George) and Mike Warwick (the Dragon) entertain over 500 Rome grammar-school children in the drama club's children's theater production of, "The Reluctant Dragon."

FOUNDATIONS

The RCH student council gives the students a voice in planning activities during the school year. It is the element unifying all the classes, clubs, and activities at RCH. The student council meets periodically to organize, evaluate, and plan student events as well as to voice student opinions and concerns to administration. Its student-elected members are directly responsible for the fall weekend semi-formal and the winter weekend sweetheart dance. It also coordinates various other events throughout the year and is truly an important step in the yearly progress of the Rome Catholic High family.

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS: President John Krenitsky, Secretary Paula Worlock, Moderator Fr. Thomas Durant, Vice-President Beth Vacca Treasurer Kim Mullin.

SOPHOMORE CLASS REPRESENTATIVES: Cyndee Adolfi, Glen Manglapus, Kathryn Pflanzer, Heidi Kaufman, Mike Reilly, Jennifer Falchi.

FRESHMAN CLASS REPRESENTATIVES: FIRST ROW: Carla DeChristina, Kris Merkel, Patricia Dite, Heather Owens. SECOND ROW: Matt Rollo, Dan Edwards.

JUNIOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVES: FIRST ROW: Ed Zeszutko, Margo Blair, J.T. Sprock. SECOND ROW: David Irvin, Jeff Lupica, Glen Bielby.

SENIOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVES: FIRST ROW: Kathy Gorski, Laura Twardzik, Caryn Constantino. SECOND ROW: Marc Argenzia, Joe Guliano, Dan Gurley, Ken Metzger, Rick Weber.

SACRED SACRAMENT

Under the moderation of Father Creed, the all-senior Liturgy Committee prepares school masses and helps with morning prayers.

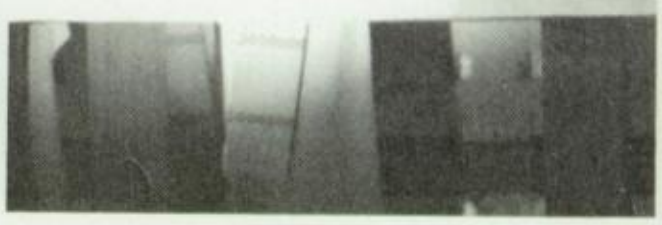
Fr. Creed feels that it is very important that at each mass, something be given to those assembled to celebrate. Examples of these momentos are: our Alma Mater, a bookmark, an advent calender, and a Christmas tree ornament. All ideas were thought of by the committee.

All holy days of obligation are celebrated by the school community together. The committee also prepares other special masses such as: a welcome mass for the freshmen in September and a valedictory for the seniors in May.

Curt Bujosa receives his First Communion from Father Creed during the Eucharastic Minister Induction ceremony.

FIRST ROW: Heidi Soltysiak, Sandy Miner, Nuala Sheen, Mary Panek, Dyanna Christopoulos. SECOND ROW: Sharon Kotary, Renee King, Shelley Reilly, Paula Worlock, Kathy Gorski, Nina Kaufman. THIRD ROW: Debbie Diehl, Rick Weber, Paula Gratch, Steve Lewan, Ken Metzger, Kelley Lyman, Fr. Creed, Kim Mullin, Kathy Kernan, Andy Cote, Ann Cardello, Mary Waite, Terri Duell.

Father Creed breaks bread and blesses wine at the first liturgy.



The new Eucharistic Ministers receive Holy Communion during their induction ceremony.

Steve Lewan, Sandy Miner, and Andy Cote receive their crosses from Father Creed, a symbol of their new ministry.

CHARACTER CLUBS

The Interact Club, sponsored by the Rome Rotary Club, is under the direction of Sister Mary Salvaterra. The 42 members of the club put service before themselves. This organization has "adopted" Bethany House, helped out during the promotion of Health Week for Children, worked with the children at the New York State School for the Deaf, and solicited pledges and donations for the United Way Fund drive. Perhaps the motto of the Interact Club can best be stated in one word—"caring."

The National Honor Society of RCH is a club of service, benefitting the community and the school. The members are selected on the basis of four attributes: leadership, scholarship, character, and service.

On the night of November 15, ten juniors and two seniors were welcomed into the National Honor Society. The events of the evening were supervised by Mrs. Suzanne Maurer, who serves as moderator. Entertainment included speeches reflecting upon the values represented by the group, two musical performances by members and inductees, the recitation of the Honor Society Pledge, and a keynote speech given by Father McGrath, president of the Catholic School Board. Refreshments were served following the ceremony.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: Maria Reilley, Peter Hamer, Vannessa Krabacher, Brenda Bronnenberg, David Irvin, Brian Romano, Susan Hayes, Cynthia Manglapus, George Helwig, Paul DiCarlo, Kevin O'Brien, Margo Blair.

INTERACT CLUB MEMBERS: FIRST ROW: Ann Chu, Cynthia Manglapus, Sharon Chu, Margo Blair, Coleen McAuliffe, Jennifer Connell. SECOND ROW: Patty Paris, Anita Sharma, Melissa Zick, Cathy Verrenti, Karen Northrup, Mary Riggi, Cecile Abraham. THIRD ROW: Mary Boyer, Melanie Browka, Lisa Wheeler, Jennifer Warmuth, Michelle Willson, Felicia Jablonski.

AN APPLE A DAY KEEPS THE DOCTOR AWAY!" m Didio, Cyndee Adolfi, David Muscarella, and chelle Willson, members of the Interact Club, lp with "Drug Prevention Week."

"PAULA, YOU'RE HOGGING THE BOOK!" Performing for the parents and new inductees of the National Honor Society, Nina Kaufman, Paula Gratch, and Mary Hillenbrand sing "Leader of the Band."

SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: FIRST ROW: Caryn Constantino (secretary), Beth Vacca, Rick Weber, Heidi Soltysiak, Dawn Krabacher. SECOND ROW: Mary Panek, Kelley Lyman, Laura Twardzik, Nina Kaufman(vice-president), Sharon Kotary (president), Paula Gratch (treasurer), Paula Worlock. THIRD ROW: Mrs. Maurer (moderator), Joe Benedict, Bob Skibitski, Mary Hillenbrand, Kim Mullin, Steve Lewan, Pat Kernan.

INTERACT CLUB OFFICERS: Desiree Ferlo (president), Cyndee Adolfi (vice-president), Cynthia Manglapus (treasurer), Colleen Mumford (secretary).

"THE LATEST FALL FASHIONS?!" Felicia Jablonski (center) and RFA friends help out the United Way by volunteering for the Haunted House.

ABOVE CENTER: Kelley Lyman, Mary Panek, Paula Worlock, and John Krenitsky participate in the induction of the new members to the National Honor Society.

SERVICE SUPPORTERS

The group of students serving as library aides at R.C.H. are sponsored by the National Catholic School Library Assistant Association.

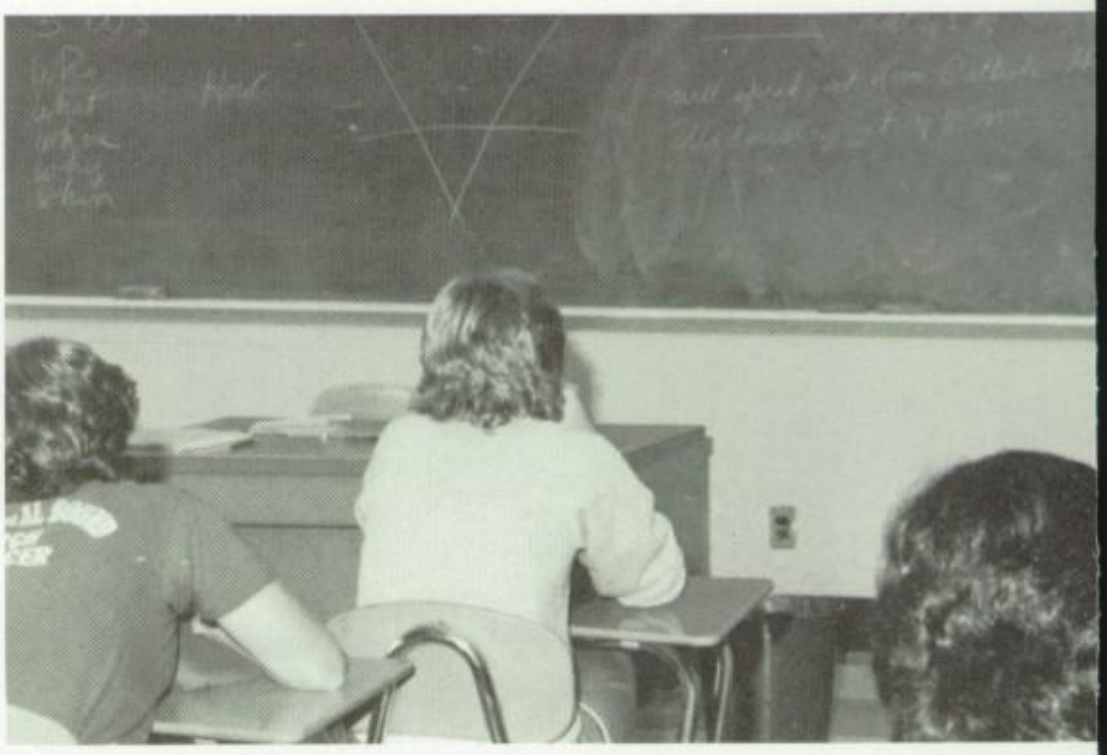
During some of their study hall periods, these twenty-one students act as library aides helping Sister Rose behind the desk. They assist in checking out books and magazines. Donating time to serve as library aides are underclassmen as well as seniors.

The Nike Club is the newest club at R.C.H. (beginning last April) and is sponsored by the Business, and Professional Women's Club of Rome. The four goals of the club are: career and vocation study, service to school and community, development of leadership and initiative, and encouragement of citizenship.

The club's moderator is Miss Ottman. The motto of the Nike Club is "Youth Today, Leaders Tomorrow".

The club has already sponsored a car wash, sent members to a student leadership conference, and staffed a booth at the annual Christmas Bazaar.

The Nike Club invited Margaret Hart of the Rome Daily Sentinel to speak to members on the importance of journalism.



Freshman Melissa Zick shares a few laughs with Mrs. Potocki while organizing the computer room in the library.

NIKE CLUB OFFICERS: Recording Secretary Margo Blair, Corresponding Secretary Mary Panek, President Paula Worlock, Vice-President Kim Mullin, Treasurer Shelley Reilly.

Sister Rose reviews some library materials with sophomore aide, Dana Ferlo.

"NO, NO, NO, ANDREA, NOT THE CHAMPAGNE!" Andrea Scott assists Mrs. Metzger at the parents' association booth during R.C.H.'s annual Christmas Bazaar.

Nike Club: First row: Angela Jackson, Mary Riggi, Sharon Chu, Melissa Zick, Colleen McAuliffe. Second Row: Andrea O'Donell, Mary Gensheimer, Karen Northrup, Christine Harper, Lynne Ferlo, Desiree Ferlo, moderator Miss Ottman. Third Row: Jennifer Warmuth, Andrea Scott, Kathy Gorski (non-member), Sharon Kotary, Laura Twardzik, Paula Gratch, Beth Vacca.

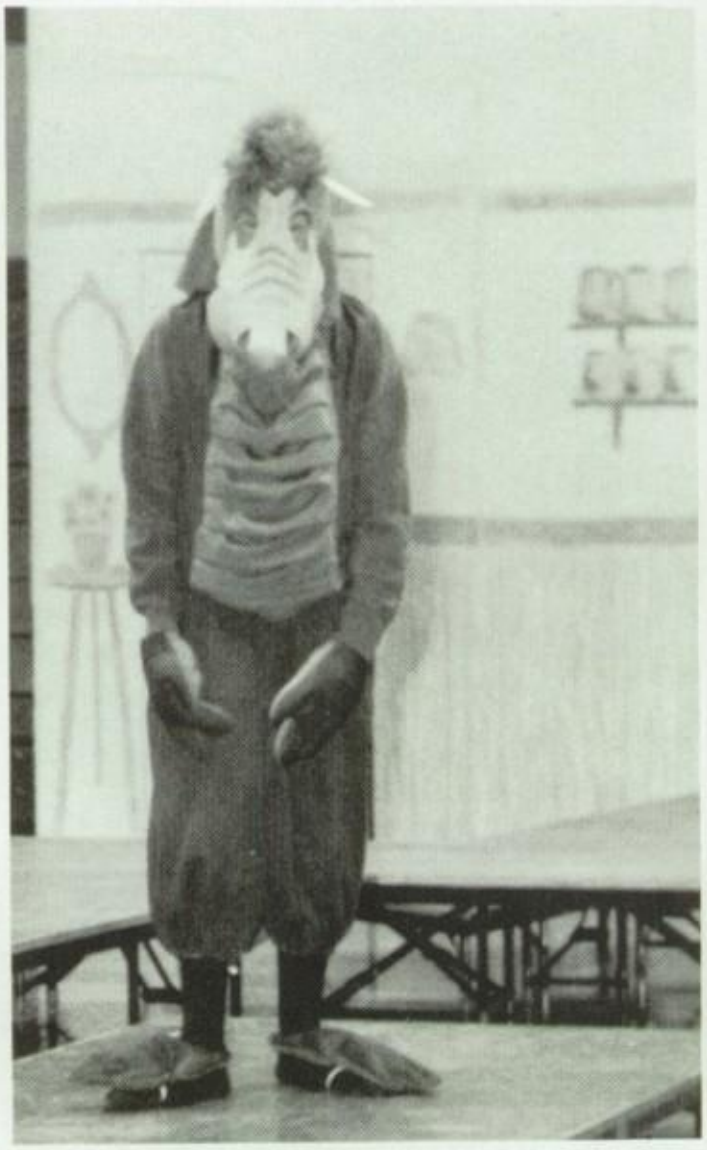
Library Aides: First Row: Dana Ferlo, Jennifer Falchi, Alison Moore, Desiree Ferlo. Second Row: Kristy Peters, Becky Smith, Margo Blair, Sharon Chu, Melissa Zick, Melissa Wezowicz, Jennifer Warmuth, Monica Kaul, Jennifer Connell, Colleen Mumford, Kristin Kinne, Dan Edwards, Julie Dunn, Mary Boyer.

DRAMATIC DUO

The RCH Drama Club underwent a major change this year by presenting two productions. **The Reluctant Dragon** was performed by the underclassmen, and **Let him sleep 'till its Time for his Funeral** was the choice of the upperclassmen.

"A poetic dragon!" yes, under the direction of Mr. Messick, **The Reluctant Dragon** was performed on November 21 and 22 for a spellbound audience of grade school children. Suspense abounded when a "ferocious and fearful" dragon was discovered. The Drama Club members helped bring an imaginary story to life for many. Mike Warwick, who portrayed the dragon felt that "It was an enjoyable experience and was especially fun performing for the children."

Let him sleep 'till its Time for his Funeral was presented November 17, 1983 in the school gymnasium to an audience of friends and family. The six cast members acted out the spoof of a man, portrayed by Tobias Cabral, who had given up his will to live. His family and friends proceed to prove their love for him through a series of humorous events. The overall production was amusing to the audience as well as enjoyable for the performing members.



Caught up in a moment of celebration for the fiftieth birthday of Harold Dollefson (Tobias Cabral), his wife, Edna (Paula Gratch), makes some last minute cancellations for his surprise funeral. Neighbors Russ and Millie (Matt Ossont and Nina Kaufman) prepare the champagne.

Mike Warwick, as he portrays **The Reluctant Dragon**, recites poetry to the surprise and glee of an audience of elementary children.

Saint George (George Helwig), an expert dragon slayer, is caught holding hands with his "supposed" victim (Mike Warwick).

DRAMA CLUB MEMBERS: FIRST ROW: Bill Richards, Kelley O'Brien, Carol Kaier, George Helwig, Steve Bures. **SECOND ROW:** Stacia Potter, Vanessa Krabacher, Paula Gratch, Mike Warwick, Leah Houle. **THIRD ROW:** Renee King, Tobias Cabral, David Irvin, Larry Spada, Sharon Chu. **FOURTH ROW:** Dan Edwards, Bob Dyer, Nina Kaufman, Greg Hillebrand, Mr. Messick.

Edna Dollefson (Paula Gratch) pleads with Mr. Jansen (Liz O'Dell) to reveal the winner of the Hearts Desire contest in the closing scene of "Let him sleep, 'Till its Time for his Funeral."

THE BEST IN JOURNALISM

The question "Would you like to buy a newspaper?" is heard throughout the halls each month as the Red & White is distributed. Sister Nancy, as the new head advisor, has prepared her staff to produce the school's prime source of information—an opportunity for students and faculty to satisfy their curiosity concerning the latest news. Two new features of the paper, the Candid Corner and the Literary Section, have encouraged student involvement through photography and creative writing. Miss Cipullo. Mrs. Mullin. Sister Rose, and Mrs. Potocki round out the advisory staff. One method Sister Nancy has used to make the paper's production more professional was to institute a new typing format in preparing articles for press.

Junior Greg Hillebrand, one of the few photographers on the Red & White staff, finds himself spending many hours in the dark room developing pictures "to perfection."

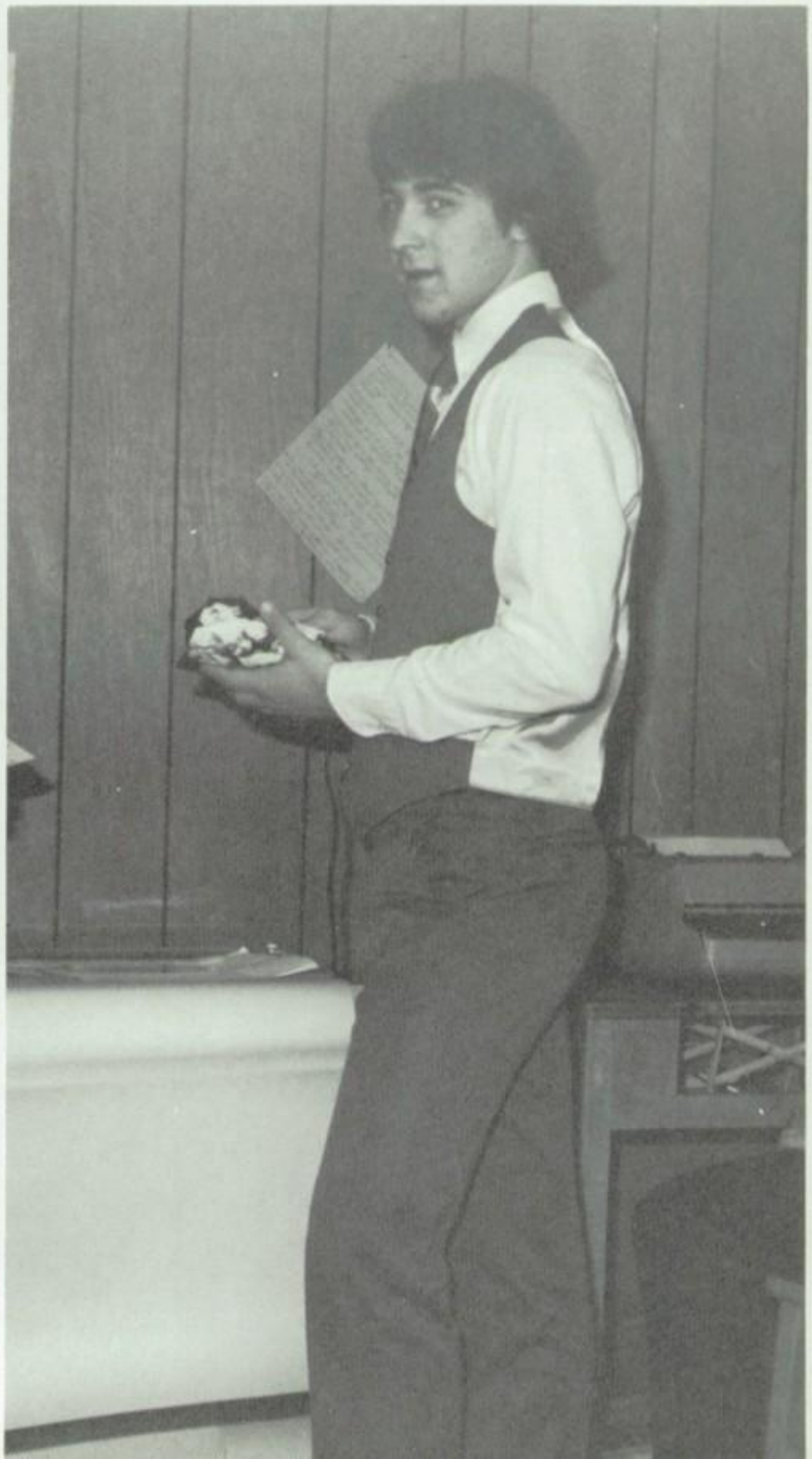
FIRST ROW: Sister Nancy (moderator), Larry Spada, Beth Sorbello, Nancy Smales, Mike Warwick, Paula Gratch, SECOND ROW: Jennifer Falchi, Susan Hayes, Cathy Verrenti, Renee King, Jacquelyn Pohorenec, Angela Jackson, THIRD ROW: Chuck Walters, Matt Ossent, Jeff Lupica, Cindy Dite, Julie Dunn, Michelle Dooher.

Jeff Lupica explains his various artwork ideas, as Chris Nowak, Cindy Dite, and Sue Hayes look on.

Lauri Brognano and Sister Nancy seem to be in total agreement

FIRST ROW: Kathy Gorski (Copy Editor), Lauri Brognano (News Editor), Shelley Reilly (Editor-in Chief), Dawn Krabacher (Feature Editor), **SECOND ROW**: Dirk Ruane (Photography), Paula Worlock (Literary/Art Editor), Joe Benedict (Sports Editor), Nina Kaufman (Lay-out Editor), Steve Lewen (Advertising).

"Oh AM I?" Joe Benedict works with a "touch of class" on RCH's Red & White newspaper.



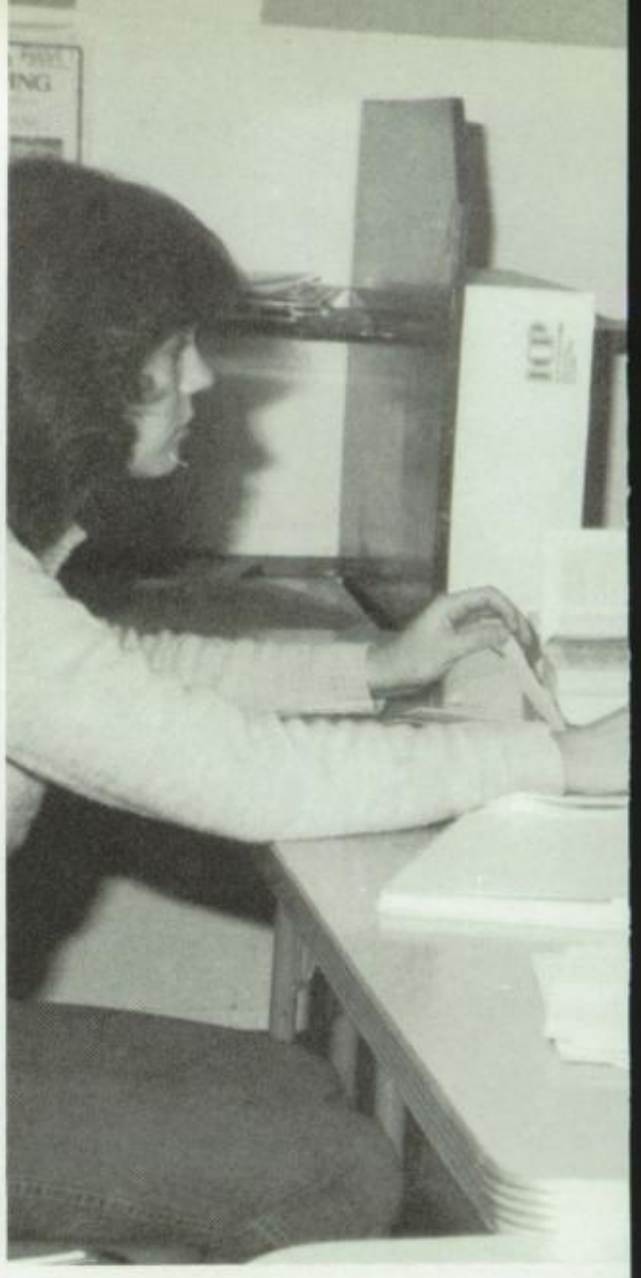
MEMORY-MAKERS

Throughout the school year, the yearbook room is always bustling with work. The clicking of the typewriters, the stamping of pictures, the frantic drawing of layouts, the writing of copy, and even the hinting of tension in the editors' voices, are some of the familiar sights and sounds that originate in the "little back room" of 204.

On any given day, there can be just a quiet lonesome or a boisterous fivesome working laboriously to meet the next deadline. Although the clamorous group may not accomplish as much as a person working in solitude, the staff agrees that it is more enjoyable working in groups.

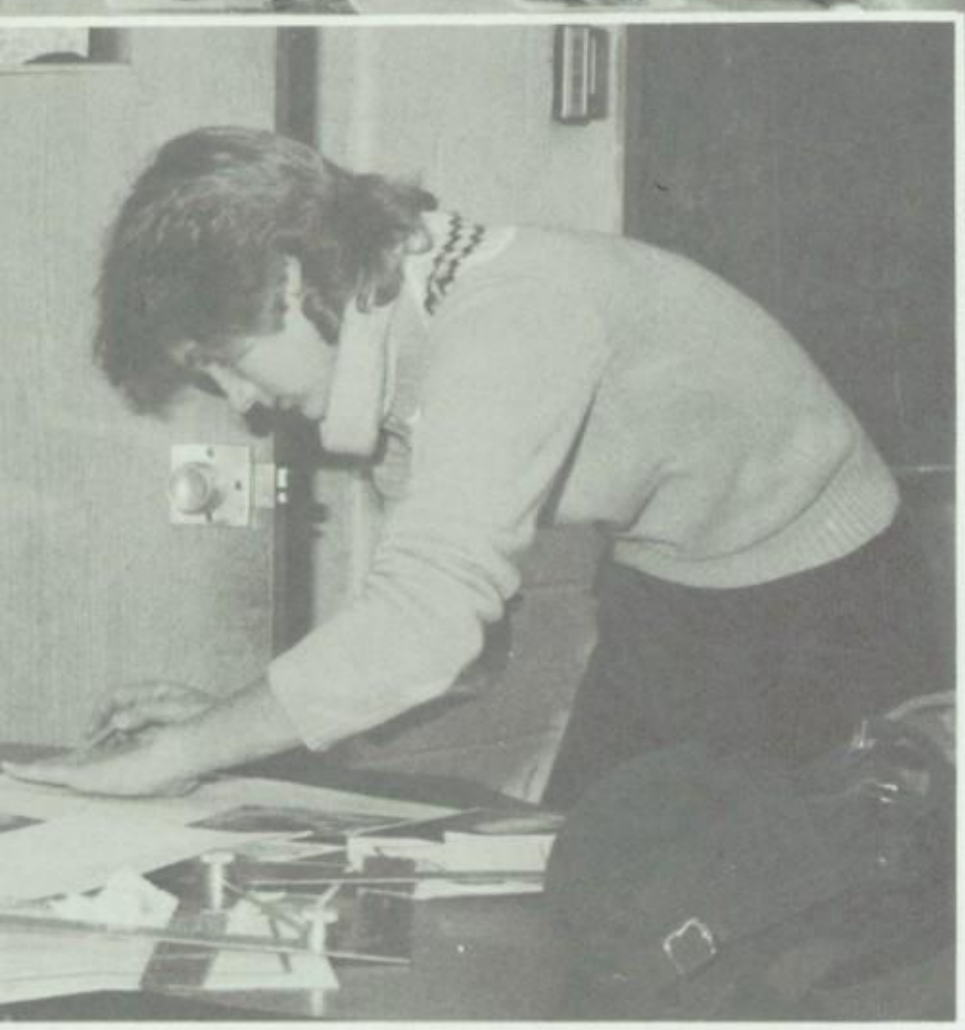
If one listened in at any yearbook meeting, one would be surprised at the types of conversation and kinds of work that goes on (either after school in 204 or at night at the Messicks') in times of crisis—as when the staff was so upset about how much salt was in the popcorn, and forgot all about their work. When the mood is right or when the staff is tired enough, reading captions can just make everyone collapse with hysterical laughter. There was also the night four editor's were laughing so hard they were crying! Unfortunately, those captions didn't pass inspection. After one evening meeting, some of the staff members found a way of relieving the tension of an impending deadline by having a snowball war. It wasn't until it was over that they realized the layouts and copy sheets that they were taking home were now being covered with the first snowfall. Hurriedly they brushed off the snow and saved the precious pages.

But no matter how hard the work of building a yearbook, laughter always fills the air!



Yearbook editors ham it up for their group shot. First row: Paula Worlock, Jeff Jennings, Mary Hillenbrand. Second row: Ken Metzger, Mary Panek, Kathleen Kernan. Third row: Mary Gensheimer, Ann Marciniak, Paula Gratch, Nuala Sheen.

The theme of the yearbook is depicted in this picture with the editors posing the step of a ladder. Clockwise: Paula Gratch, Ann Marciniak, Mary Gensheimer, Nuala Sheen, Mary Panek.



"But Nuala . . ." "Paula, I can't find the word!" Yearbook editors working close to deadlines often exchange annoyed glances.

"You can get more done when working alone", is the philosophy of Mary Panek.

Our yearbook advisor, Mrs. Susan Cleary Messick; Photography Advisor, Sister Mary Salveterra; and Business Advisor, Mrs. Regina Kekis confer in the yearbook room.

SPORTS

From jumping, to catching, to passing, to falling, each Redwing who participates on an athletic team, or any fan who just faithfully watches from the sidelines, knows the feelings of both triumph and defeat. On the stepladder of success the players and coaches experience both elation and thanks. At the same time, in taking those steps RCH athletes also endure losses but do so with pride and dedication. It's a known fact that Rome Catholic has "class" and that their class is due to the combined efforts of fans, coaches, and players alike.

ONE, TWO, THREE . . . CHA, CHA, CHA. Senior first baseman Paula Gratch anticipates the steal in a non-league game against the New York State School for the Deaf. Although the Runnin' Redwings put up a fight, they were defeated, 18-13.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION . . . Junior Glen Bielby watches from the sideline after some rugged tackles on the field and prepares to show his opponents just how it's done on offense.

"DON'T WORRY, MOM, TIDE GETS 'EM CLEAN!" Junior Matt Reilley successfully steals second base during one of the baseball games of the state finals. Rome Catholic lost the state championship (5-3) to Salmon River.

"YOU PUT YOUR RIGHT FOOT OUT AND YOU SHAKE IT ALL ABOUT!" Senior Ann Marciniak displays her fancy footwork on the field against Clinton opponents. RCH won the game, thanks to Marciniak's goal and assist.

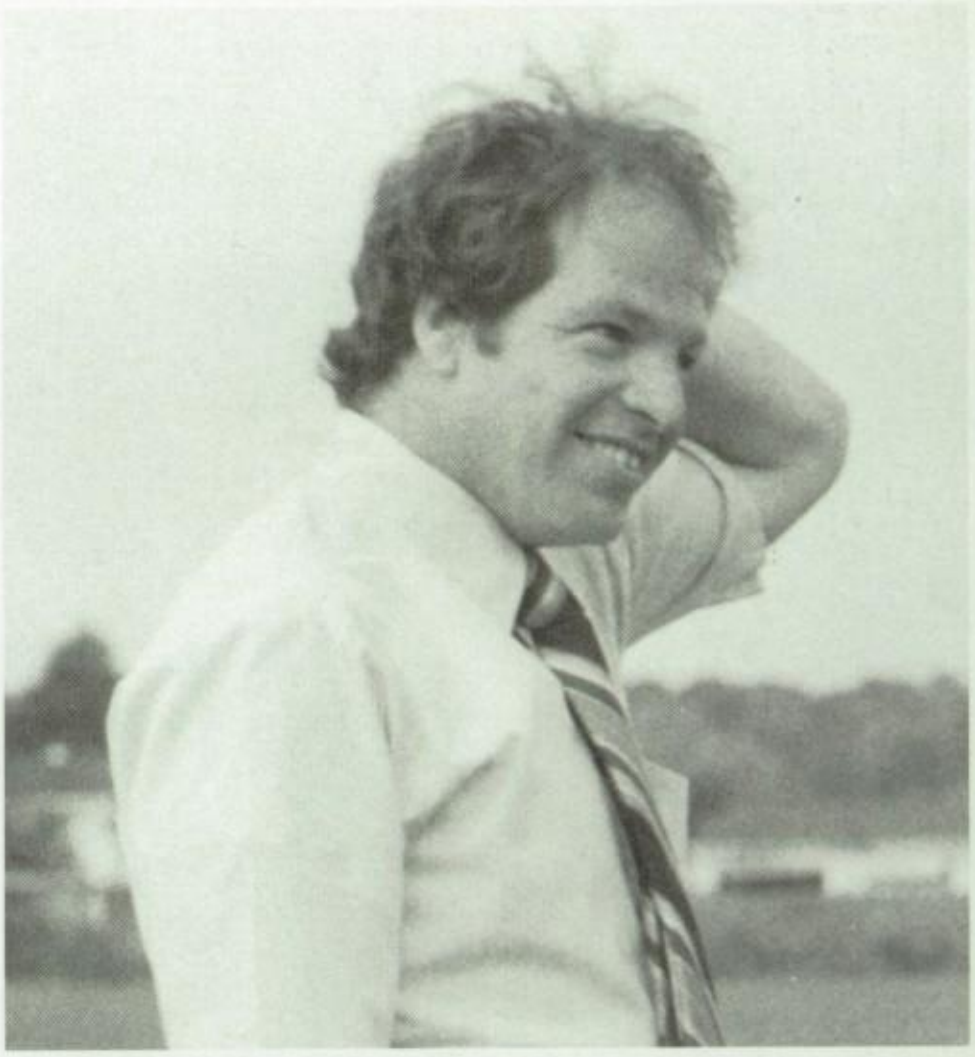
SOCCER SPIRIT

"Did you hear about . . .
Oh, no, coach is here!"
"Hurry up, Shelley—give me my socks—hey, isn't that my shirt too?"
"Jo Ann, quit combing your hair, the football players have the other field."
"Stop throwing your shinguards in the basket, Annie!!"
"Down 1,2,5,10, up 2. . . . "
"Oh, hi coach."
"Hey where is everybody?"
"Brog has a 'hurt' knee, Mary is at a student council meeting,
Kathleen is at detention, and Julie is . . . where is she?"
"Come on, you guys, let's get on the field."
"Yuck! Look at all this mud!"
"Schmoo, don't you dare!"
"Coach, can't we . . . "
"No, four laps."
"Come on, Paula, let's cut this corner; coach isn't watching—Quick!"
"Mary and Paula—two more laps!"
"Oh nooo . . . "

WIND BLOWN. Coach Donald Bellefieulle expresses his satisfaction at the improving ability of the soccer team during his second year of coaching.

Ann Marcianiak, four times All-Star and Most Valuable Player, demonstrates the ability that helped the Runnin' Redwings pull in a victory against league foe Oriskany, 5-0.

FIRST ROW: Pam Didio, Crystal Cox, Heidi Kaufman, Jennifer Souhrada, Margo Blair. SECOND ROW: Student Coach Andy Souhrada, Cathy Verrenti, Kelley O'Brien, Kathy Dooher, Lynne Delany, Coach Don Bellefeuille. MISSING: Michele Dooher. For their first season, the J.V.'s finished the year with an impressive 3-0 record in the league.



"LEMME GO!" Sophomore Stephanie Bourgeau is congratulated by her teammates after scoring her first goal against Adirondack. The Redwings captured their first IVL crown in a playoff game against the defending Adirondack champions, 3-2.

FIRST ROW: Cindy Dite, Vicki Smith, Jo Ann LoVaglio, Susan Gabriel, Lauri Brognano, co-captain Kathleen Kernan, Cyndee Adolfi, Tricia Dite, Sherry Reilly, Nina Kaufman. SECOND ROW: Julie VanSlyke, Denise Brown, Stephanie Bourgeau, Co-captain Ann Marciniak, Mary Hillenbrand, Paula Gratch, Kelley Lyman, Shelley Reilly, Mary Panek, Kathy Gorski, Coach Donald Bellefeuille.

RCH		Opponent
3	Clinton	2
4	Adirondack	2
4	Westmoreland	1
6	VVS	0
4	Chittenango	1
6	Dolgeville	2
5	Oriskany	0
2	Adirondack	3
2	Colton (O.T.)	3
2	Old Forge	1
7	VVS	1
5	Clinton	2
2	New Hartford	3
5	Westmoreland	2
9	Dolgeville	1
3	Oriskany	0
3	Adirondack	2
3	IHC (O.T.)	4

SPIRIT BUILDERS IN '83

"R-C-H!" is heard by all attending an RCH football game. Much credit goes to the cheerleaders as they psych up spectators and team members. Cheering is not the only method used for pepping up players. Painting posters and serving chicken wing dinners are other means.

Lisa Campbell, in her first year as supervisor, has definitely left her mark on this year's season. Her enthusiasm and excitement have encouraged her squad to spread their spirit. This spirit helped make this season a successful one.

The 1983 season was a learning experience for the 1-3-1 freshman football team. Although at times the offense lacked punch, the defense kept every game close. The stress Coach Vaccaro placed on fundamentals will strengthen and prepare the players for the future.

Andrea Scott, Kathy Pflanzer, Dyann Haritatos, Kim Mullin, Kristin Kinne, Cynthia Manglapus, and Sharon Kotary maintain enthusiasm despite the chilly weather at the Adirondack game.

FIRST ROW: Jason Guy, Charles Barnes, Joey DiMaggio, Joe Kakati, John Gualteri, Richard Mellon, Chris Cusins, Dan Manglapus, SECOND ROW: Andrew Green, Bob Boyd, Tony Magliocci, Bill Kunigonis, Chris Mange, Fred Pachica, Allen Johnson, Mark Vacca, THIRD ROW: Coach Bielby, Joe Minicozzi, Todd Riolo, Pat Gualteri, Brian Guglilemo, Frank Walters, Dennis Wilson, Sal Buccellato, Steve Mosca, Coach Vaccaro, Bobby Blair.

RCH		Opponent
0	Dolgeville	0
0	Adirondack	14
0	Westmoreland	12
0	West Canada	14
14	Oriskany	12

Kristin Kinne, Cynthia Manglapus, and Coach Lisa Campbell prepare to release spirit balloons prior to the opening game against Holland Patent.

FIRST ROW: Sue Ellen Christopoulos, Dyanna Christopoulos, Paula Worlock, SECOND ROW: Sharon Kotary, Anita Sharma, Kathy Pflanzer, Dyann Haritatos, Kim Mullin, Cynthia Manglapus, Andrea Scott, Kathleen Gifford.

Todd Riolo Searches for an opening on the field as Bobby Blair looks on.

FLYING STEPS

The RCH football team proved the critics wrong again, in posting a winning season. They began with a fantastic 5-0 record before faltering in the closing games. They finished the year 6-2. Even though they were raised to a more competitive league, the Redwings proved their dominance by outscoring opponents by almost 100 points, many of them coming from 1000 yard rusher Glenn Bielby. The defense was also effective. Led by All-Star Tom Schmandt, they stung their foes with shattering hits and crushing blocks.

The Redwings were very successful in all areas, placing nine players on the All-Star list, five of them making the first team. Captains Tom Schmandt and Joe DeFina, Glenn Bielby, Jim Boyer, and Matt Reilley all made the first team, while Bob Skibitski, Mark Stachnik, and Andy Cote made honorable mention.

The team made all of RCH proud and lived up to their slogan, "Crush, kill, destroy!"

Steve Dooher crushes a Wildcat quarterback to add another sack to the list for the Runnin' Redwings.

Glenn Bielby plows through the Holland Patent defense with help from Matt Reilley and Jim Boyer.

FIRST ROW: Glen Bielby, Buddy DiMaggio, Mark Stachnik, Mark Schultz, Chris DeLutis, Carl Mattacola, Pat Monaghan, Mark Minicozzi, Matt Reilley, P.J. Skibitski. SECOND ROW: Jon Nickson, Glen Manglapus, Jim Boyer, Loren Clemens, Shawn Hughs, Tom Schmandt, Bob Skibitski, Marc Argenzia, Allen Hollifield, Chip Travis. THIRD ROW: Mike Reilley, Dave Minicozzi, Sean Fazio, Andy Cote, Joe DeFina, John Boyer, Steve Dooher, Greg Hall, Marco DiCastro. FOURTH ROW: Coach Bono, Brian Pflanzer, Russ Cote, Ken Hamer, Dan Gurley, Pete Kirk, Coach Skibitski, Coach Fiorini. MISSING: Chuck Walters, Pat Kernan, Rob Coluccio, Coach Barry.

Glen Bielby slips through the hands of a Wildcat defender to complete yet another touchdown run and lift the Redwings to a 54-6 victory over Adirondack.

A Redwing defender brings down a Holland Patent Knight in the opening home game. RCH started off the season successfully with a 27-20 victory.

RCH		Opponent
27	Holland Patent	20
54	Adirondack	6
34	Oriskany	20
34	Frankfort-Schuyler	16
34	Herkimer	12
0	Mohawk	19
14	Illion	36
28	JFK	6

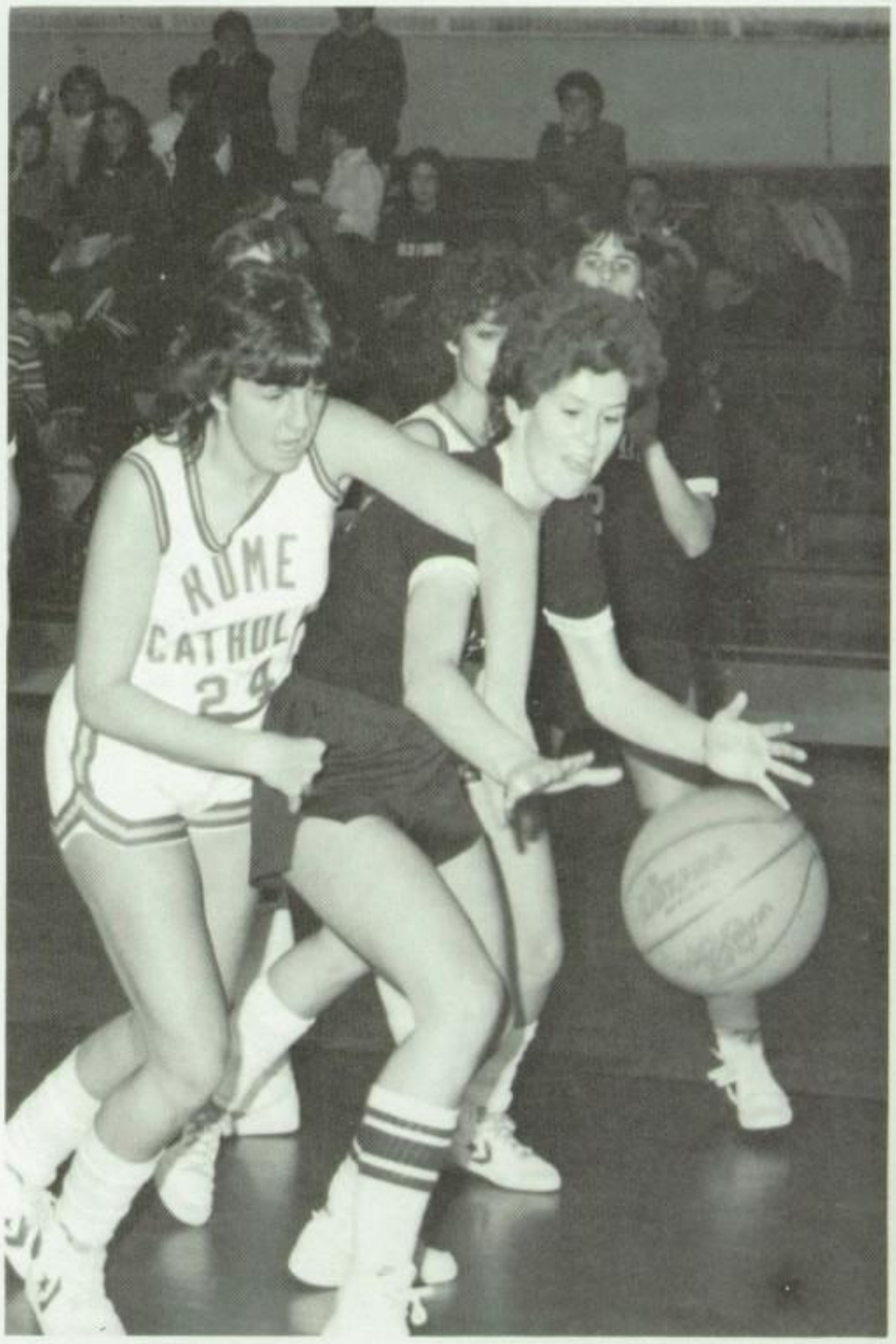
Players, coaches, and cheerleaders share a thankful prayer after a successful contest.

Dirk Ruane adds fire to the RCH games as he poses as "The Redwing" raising the spirit of fans and players alike.

DANCING? Junior Cyndee Adolfi jumps for a tip ball. RCH won the game against Adirondack, 40-22.

Ann Marciniak fakes out both opponents as she goes up for a shot.

Julie Dunn fights for control as she grabs the ball.



A STREAK OF VICTORIES

Coach Jackie Izzo speaks proudly of her Lady Redwing team, "1983-84 proved to be another banner year for the Lady Redwings." The 'Wings captured their third straight Intervalley League crown with a perfect 14-0 record.

The Redwings saw the return of 1982-83's outstanding offensive player, Ann Marciniak, who has been named All-IVL the past two seasons. Also returning were All-IVL point guard, Ann Della Contrada, and 1982-83's outstanding defensive player, Mary Panek. Della Contrada and Panek have never lost a league game on their home court in their three year varsity careers.

The 'Wings have been ranked in the Top 25 by the New York State Sports Writer, have a league won-lost record of 35-1 and hold the school's longest winning streak at 18 games, as well as three IVL championships.

1983-84 is also graduation year for the "girls who started it all"—Mary Panek, Ann Della Contrada, and Ann Marciniak. But the future years do not look bleak with many returning players, including starters Cyndee Adolfi and Julie Dunn.

As starting point guard for her third year, Anne Della Contrada steals the ball from an Adirondack player.

FIRST ROW: Coach Jackie Izzo, Mary Gensheimer, Sue Hayes, JoAnn Lovaglio, Anne Della Contrada, Margo Blair, Lauri Brognano, SECOND ROW. Denise Brown, Ann Marciniak, Cyndee Adolfi, Julie Dunn, Mary Panek.

BACKBONES

The 1984 Basketball Cheerleaders started out the season by decorating the gym wall with cartoon characters ranging from Big Bird to Snoopy! They continued the season by performing such spirit boosting duties as decorating the locker room, preparing the hoop and signs, and providing treats and oranges for half-time. At the Christmas Tournament they performed "The Curly Shuffle" and later entertained with "Thriller." Time and dedication from each girl made the 1984 season a successful one.

The J.V. Girls' basketball team made a good impression and displayed improvement throughout the 1983-84 season. Despite losses due to injury or illness, the team put forth a lot of effort in maintaining Redwing spirit.

With Coach Robyn Plopper directing the team and with the leadership of point guard Lisa Sweeny and high scorer Andrea O'Donnel, co-captains, the team worked hard for a successful season.

"O SAY CAN YOU SEE . . . " Rome Catholic and Clinton cheerleaders gather around the flag for the singing of our National Anthem.

J.V. CHEERLEADERS left to right: Pam Didio, Darlene Izzo, Lani Haines, Kathleen Gifford, Kathryn Pflanzer, Andrea Scott, Cristal Cox, Anita Sharma, Ahn Chu.

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS left to right: Moderator Sister Mary Rose Fox, Kim Mullin, Kelley Lyman, Kim Swiss, Maria Reilley, Paula Worlock, Mary Waite, Patricia Defina, Kristin Kinne, Kristen Pabis, Julie Skibitski.

A RACE TO THE HOOP! Andrea O'Donnel, (40) drives to the basket past an Old Forge opponent to score two.

Girls' J.V. Coach Plopper concentrates on her strategy.

GIRLS' J.V. BASKETBALL TEAM. FIRST ROW: Terri Miner, Lisa Sweeney, Colleen McAuliffe, Leigh Campbell, Elizabeth Sorbello, Karen Northrup, April Bravo. SECOND ROW: Mary Boyer, Andrea O'Donnel, Kris Merkel, Carol Kaier, Michelle Dooher, Jennifer Ruane.

"LET'S ALL DO THE BUMP!" Jennifer Ruane boxes out another player for a rebound.

" . . . THE THRILL OF SUCCESS . . ." Teammates, John Knudsen, Pat Monaghan and Curt Bujosa gather to celebrate another goal and another victory.

"LET'S DO THE TWIST!" Junior forward John Knudsen finds himself scrambling for the puck during a Cazenovia game. As a newcomer to RCH this year, Knudsen was a welcome addition to the Burns Conference Champions.

"FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET." Junior and assistant captain, Glen Beilby races down the ice to bring the puck in for the offensive line. Beilby is also known for his powerful slap shots.

ON THE TOP . . . AGAIN!

As in last year's season, the Rome Catholic hockey team is skating to the top—again. The Redwings saw a lot of competitive action this year but remained faithful to a winning attitude.

RCH not only played Division III teams, but also played West Genesee, a Division I team. Although the Redwings lost, 8-5, it was still an exciting game all the way to the end.

The team is lead by head coach Bill Fleet, assisted by coach Gary La Barge. J.R. Purrington leads the team as captain with Tim Faroni and Glen Bielby as assistant captains.

Coach Fleet feels that this year's hockey team is still playing strong and is still on top.

TAKE OFF . . . TO THE GREAT WHITE NORTH . . . John Knudsen, junior, attempts to overcome Cazenovia defenders while senior forward J.R. Purrington looks for the shot. RCH defeated league foe, Cazenovia, twice, 9-1 and 7-2.

Rob Welton makes yet another save for the Runnin' Redwings on ice. The junior goalie saw a lot of action in the net this year and is expected to be a big asset next season.

Center, Peter Kirk waits for the face-off with a Troy opponent. The Redwings defeated Troy, 9-1, during the Christmas Tournament.

FIRST ROW: Tom Schmandt, Rich Benoit, J.T. Sprock, Bryan Guglielmo, David Pekola, Curt Bujosa, Tim Faroni, J. R. Purrington, Pat Monaghan. SECOND ROW: Matt Reilley, Todd Riolo, Mike Scaccia, Rob Welton, Joey McMahon, John Knudsen. THIRD ROW: Coach Gary LaBarge, Chip Travis, Mark Schultz, Peter Kirk, Mike Schachte, Tom Yoxall, John Northrup, Joe Lachacz, Dan Gurley, Mike Warcup, Mark Flanigan, Shawn Hughes, Glen Bielby, Coach Bill Fleet, Mgr. Greg Hall. FRONT: "The Bird" Dirk Ruane. MISSING: Mgr. Brian Brown.

SMALL BUT MIGHTY

This year's J.V. basketball team had a challenging season with heartbreaking losses and thrilling victories. In their first game against Canastota the 'Wings rallied 22 points to tie the game and send it into overtime. Only after a tough call did the 'Wings lose it in overtime, 41-36. When the Christmas Tourney came around, they took home a second place trophy after being edged out by Oneida, 48-44.

The 'Wings then started on a winning streak which brought them to a tough game against Adirondack, but Captain Chris Nowak's shot at the buzzer put them into contention for first place with Oriskany. Again it was only an overtime buzzer that stole their IVL crown in this crucial contest, score 57-54.

The freshman basketball team looked as if they had a tough road ahead of them as they lost their first game against New Hartford. However, the frosh then began rolling over most of their opponents. They continued playing at a steady pace throughout the season to fulfill their function as a stepping stone to the J.V. and Varsity teams.

Out-manuvering the Oriskany defense is freshman Sal Bucculatto who saw a lot of action this year as a forward.

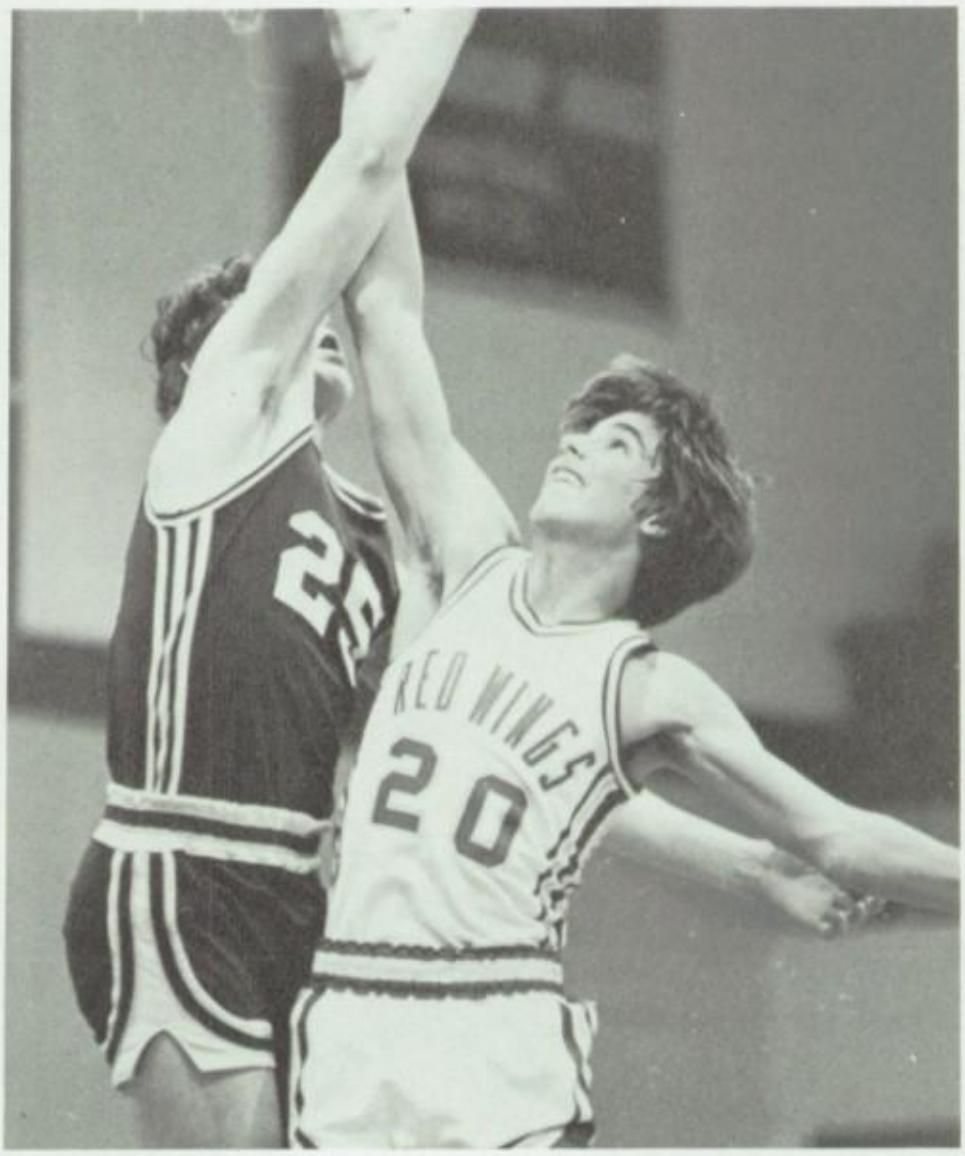
Freshman Matt Rollo goes up for another jumper in the home game against Oriskany. Rome Catholic defeated the Redskins, 46-28.

FIRST ROW: Mike Durr, Robert Dyer, David Della Contrada, Frank Hilow, Michael Hayduk, Sean Nowak, SECOND ROW: Matt Rollo, Scott Wick, John Van Dyne, Pat Gualtieri, Steve Burgen, Bob Linck, Chris Papowski, Dennis Wilson, MISSING: Coach Frank Didio.

Junior Chris Nowak dominates another jump ball for the Runnin' Redwings. The strong center averaged over 10 points and 12 rebounds a game.

FIRST ROW: Lou Rognoni, Curt Mast, Dan McAullife, Carl Mattacola, Tim Metzger, Mike Savoy. SECOND ROW: Coach Ron Panek, John Andrews, Russ Cote, Chris Nowak, Mark Miner, Tom Panasci. MISSING: Coach Tom Engle.

Sophomore Carl Mattacola (20) struggles for a free ball against an Adirondack opponent. Rome Catholic lost the home contest, 55-50.



Mike Savoy (24), junior, anticipates a steal on the defensive end of the court during the Adirondack game.

AWESOME!!

The RCH varsity basketball team proved again this year that the 'Wings, led by Coach Mike Adey, are the force to be reckoned with in the Intervalley League.

Starting seniors Joe DeFina, Ken Metzger, co-captains Ron Pabis and Joe Benedict, and junior Bill Tims were the starting five that rolled through an almost perfect season. Reserves Bob Skibitski, Pete Hamer, Chris DeLutis, Jeff Lupica, Kevin O'Brien, Bud DiMaggio, Chris Gensheimer, and John Nowak also contibuted invaluably to the success of the season.

The team relied on pressure defense all year long to win many games. They yielded one of the lowest opponent points per game scores of any recent RCH team.

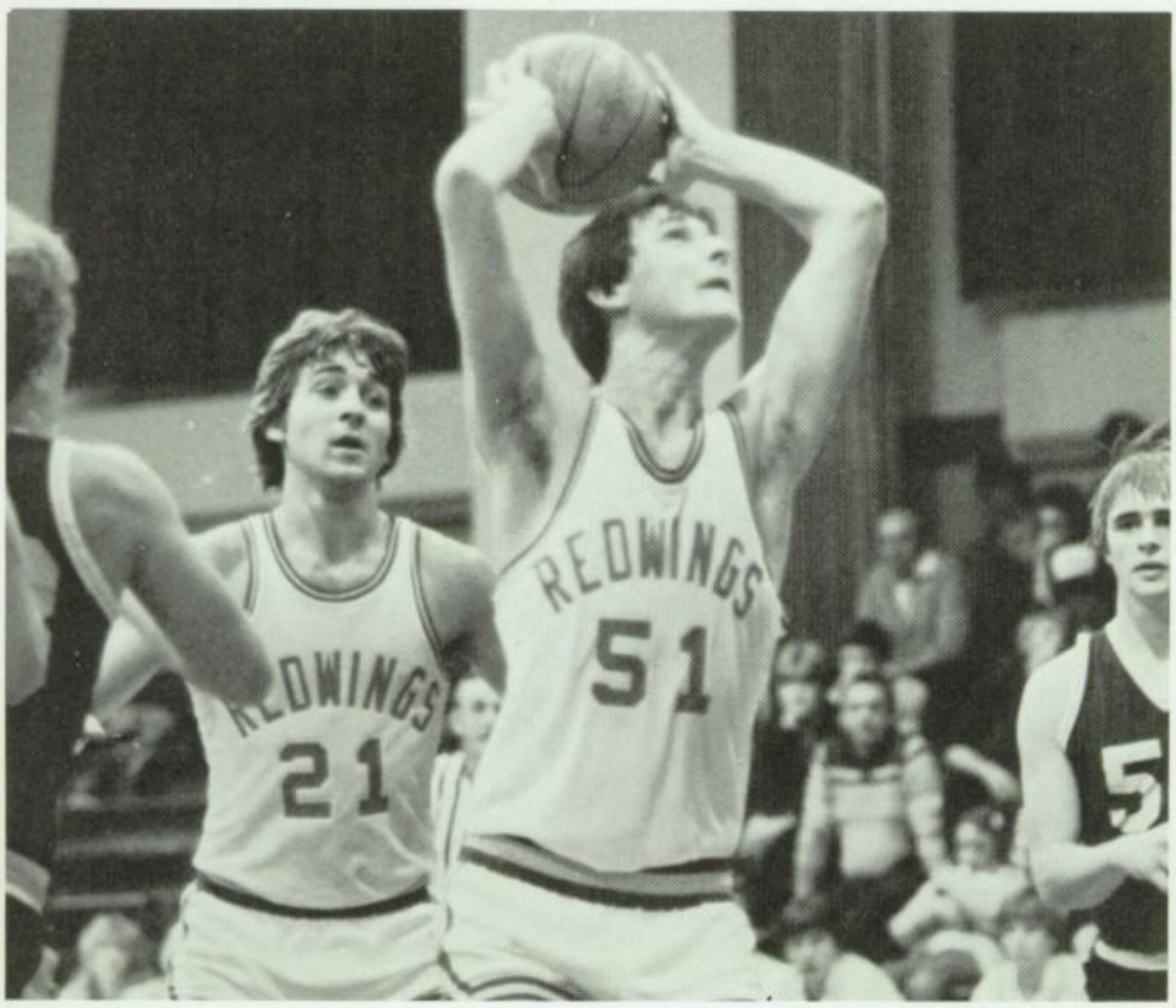
Highlights of the season included a thrilling victory over Clinton in which Bill Tims scored 28 points, and the crowded Westmoreland game which proved to be a very exciting Redwing victory.

The Redwings, who won their fifth straight IVL title, proved once more that the RCH basketball machine is alive and rolling.

R-E-B-O-U-N-D! Ron Pabis, Billy Tims, and Joe DeFina fight for a rebound.

STUFFED! Ron Pabis swats another one away as Joe Benedict plays tough defense.

"HE AIN'T THAT MUCH BIGGER THAN ME!" Joe Benedict keeps a watchful eye out as Ron Pabis shows his stuff.



DEFENSE IS THE NAME OF THE GAME. In a challenging Adirondack game, Ken Metzger makes sure 21 won't score in '84, while Joe DeFina and Ron Pabis support his judgement.

Ken Metzger brings the ball up the court as Chris Gensheimer attends.

INTENSITY! Joe DeFina strains for a rebound against Adirondack.

FIRST ROW: Buddy Dimaggio, Chris DeLutis, Ken Metzger, Brian Adey, Joe Benedict, Bob Skibitski, Kevin O'Brien, Chris Gensheimer. SECOND ROW: Manager Chad DeFina, Billy Tims, Jeff Lupica, Pete Hamer, Head Coach Mike Adey, Assistant Coach Tom Barry, John Nowak, Ron Pabis, Joe DeFina, Manager Tim Barry.

KEEPING PACE

The RCH Girls' Track Team did surprisingly well this year. There were 5 school records broken this season: Cyndee Adolfi for the shot put; Shelly Lamie for the 400 M hurdles; Kris Merkel for the 1500M walk, Kathleen Gifford, Beth Sorbello, Eileen Urtz and Pam Didio for the 2Mile relay; and Kathleen Gifford, Shelley Lamie, Eileen Urtz and Pam Didio for the 1 Mile relay.

The girls' banquet was held at the Reilly's pool. Special awards given were: Outstanding Track to Shelley Lamie, Outstanding Field to Cyndee Adolfi and Laurie Brognano, the Coaches' Award to Kathy Hewlett and the 100% Award to Eileen Urtz. Miss Bagnall, head coach, commented on the season, "We had an inexperienced team, but we peaked at the league meet." The team finished fourth in the league and came in third at the league meet.

SCOREBOARD

RCH	56	West Canada	97
RCH	49	Adirondack	104
RCH	110	Westmoreland	41
RCH	125	Oneida	19
RCH	57	Canastota	87
RCH	72	Oriskany	81
RCH	74½	Old Forge	78½

"WHOA, LOOKS TOO HIGH FOR ME!" Sophomore Lauri Brognano struggles to surpass an Old Forge competitor.

"ALL SMILES" These Freshmen track team members, Raquel Marina, Pam Didio, Sherry Reilly, Crystal Cox, and Kris Merkel prepare to accept their awards and "pig out".

FIRST ROW: Kathy Hewlett, Stacy Salce, Pam Didio. SECOND ROW: Shelley Reilly, Kelley Lyman, Eileen Urtz, Kathy O'Connel (mgr.), Mary Beyer, Tricia Dite, Sherry Reilly, Racquel Marina, Shelley Lamie, Monique Precheur, Jennifer Connell. THIRD ROW: Assistant Coach—Jo Ann Brognane, Jill Smalden, Michelle Macalik, Darlene Izzo, Kathleen Gifford, Cindy Dite, Lauri Brognano, Francine Trybalski, Elizabeth Sorbello, Sheila Powers, Kathy Deeher, Head Coach—Janet Bagnall. FOURTH ROW: Lisa Wheeler, Lori Luke, Cyndee Adolfi, Kathryn Pflanzer, Christine Harper, Chris Hilew, Becky Smith, Carla De Gristina, Crystal Cox.

"WELCOME TO MORNING STRETCH!" The Running Redwings prepare themselves for the big race as captain Eileen Urtz leads the stretches.

"CALGON TAKE ME AWAY!" Kelly Lyman finishes the race during the competition against Westmoreland.

YOUNG WINGS

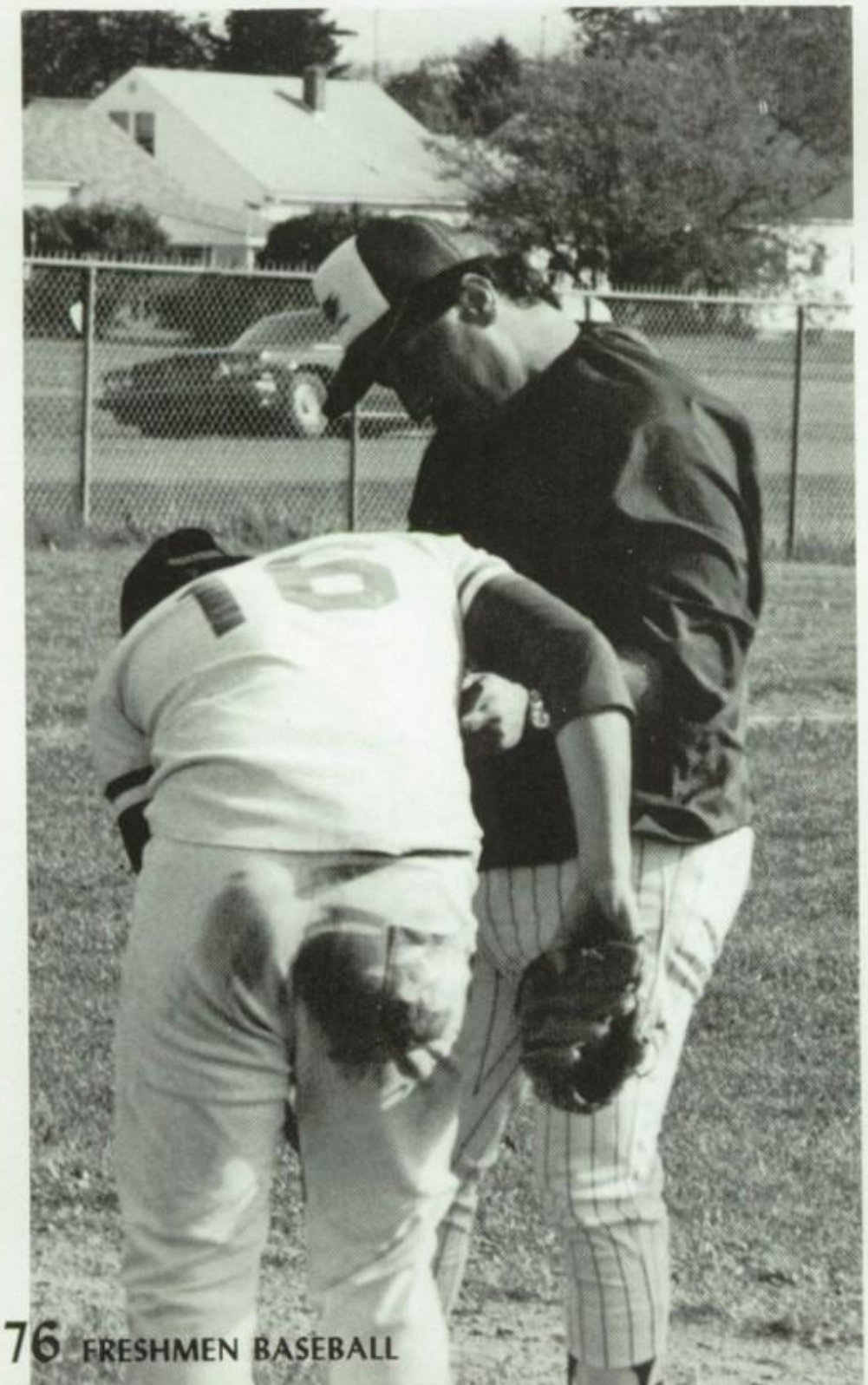
The Freshmen Baseball team concluded the '83 season with a successful 7-3 record. The Redwings were led by head coach, Jerry Fiorini, and Assistant Coach Frank Spinelli.

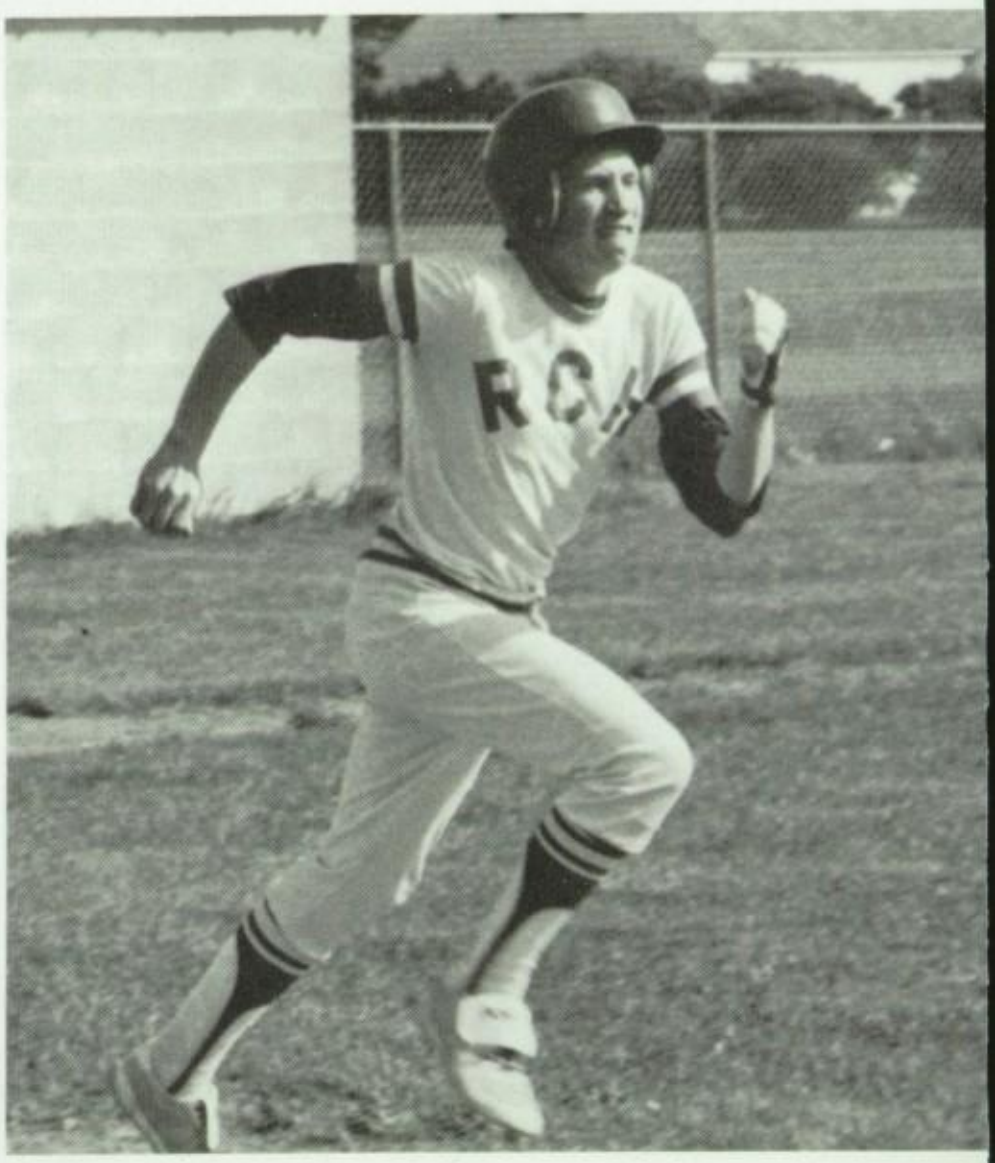
The highlight of the season was RCH's dominance on the offensive play. The Frosh scored a total of 58 runs while their opponents scored only 38.

Freshmen baseball is considered to be a preparatory step to the Varsity team. The younger players become experienced in their positions and learn the values of good sportsmanship and the challenges of competition.

Catcher Carl Mattacola controls home plate and anticipates a steal to second base in his team's successful game against Holland Patent.

"WE'LL SHOUT IT OUT!" Coach Fiorini gives encouragement to a Redwing player for trying his best.





SCOREBOARD

RCH		Opposition
10	Adirondack	8
0	Camden	1
15	Westmoreland	2
6	VVS	3
0	Adirondack	5
8	Oriskany	6
6	West Canada	3
7	Notre Dame	4
5	Holland Patent	4
1	Westmoreland	2

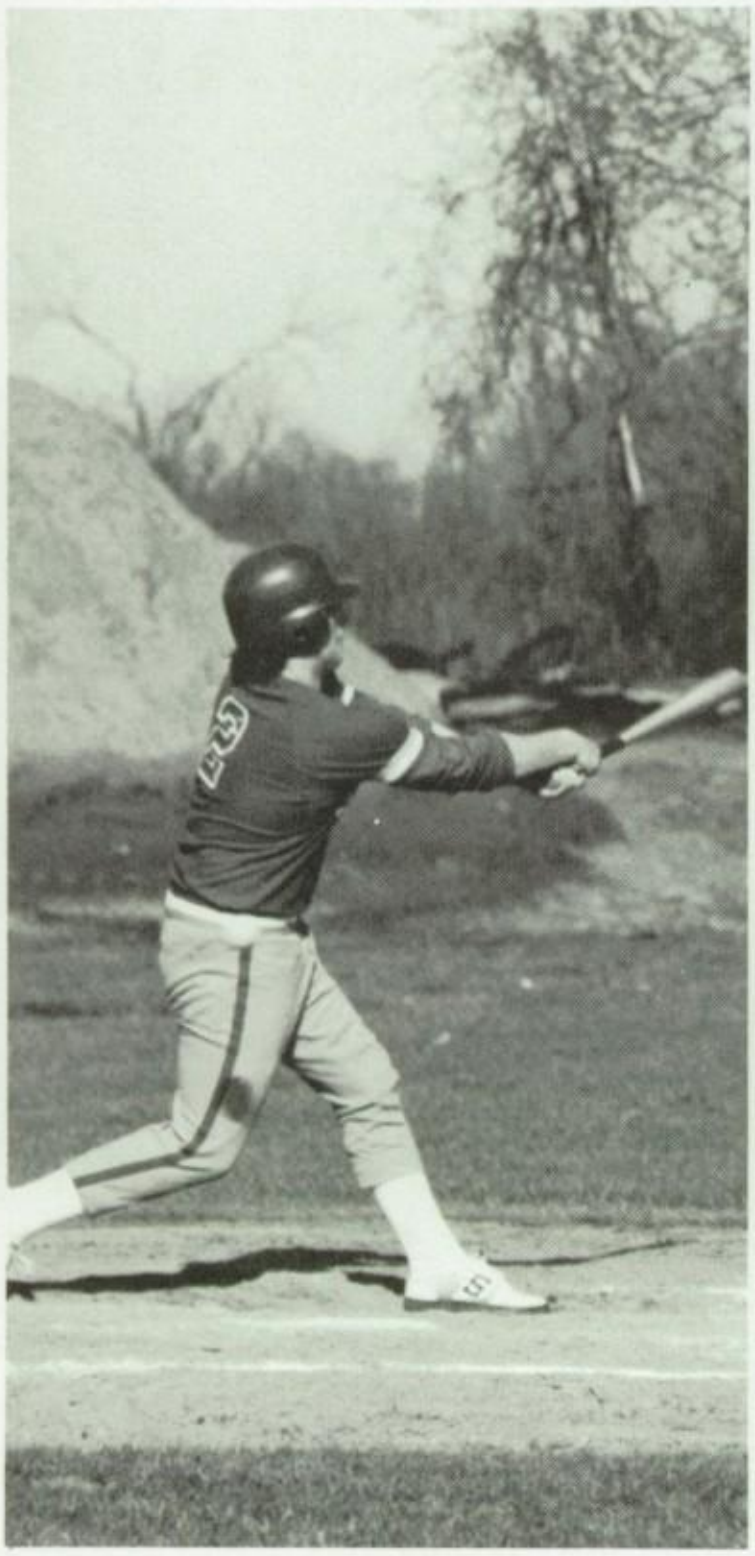
Pitcher Rusty Metzger shows off his great pitching style against his opponents

FIRST ROW: Manager Mike Warwick, T.J. Mullin, David Luke, Peter Kirk, Mark Miner, Danny McAuliff, Scot Ceravelo, Joe DiMaggio, Rusty Metzger, Todd Riolo, Bobby Link. **SECOND ROW:** Head Coach Jerry Fiorini, Marco DiCastro, Scott Campbell, Tod Melioris, Chris Carrier, Tom Panasci, Mike Reilly, John Boyer, John Andrews, Mark Minicozzi, Carl Mattacola, Nick Calicchia, Assistant Coach Frank Spinelli.

"DID YOU EAT YOUR WHEATIES?" Todd Riolo races to the base after a super hit.

"Lord, let him put me in the game." Joe Duffy ponders during the game as teammates Jim Boyer and Rich Desa watch the action.

Oops!" Matt Reilley anticipates a homerun.

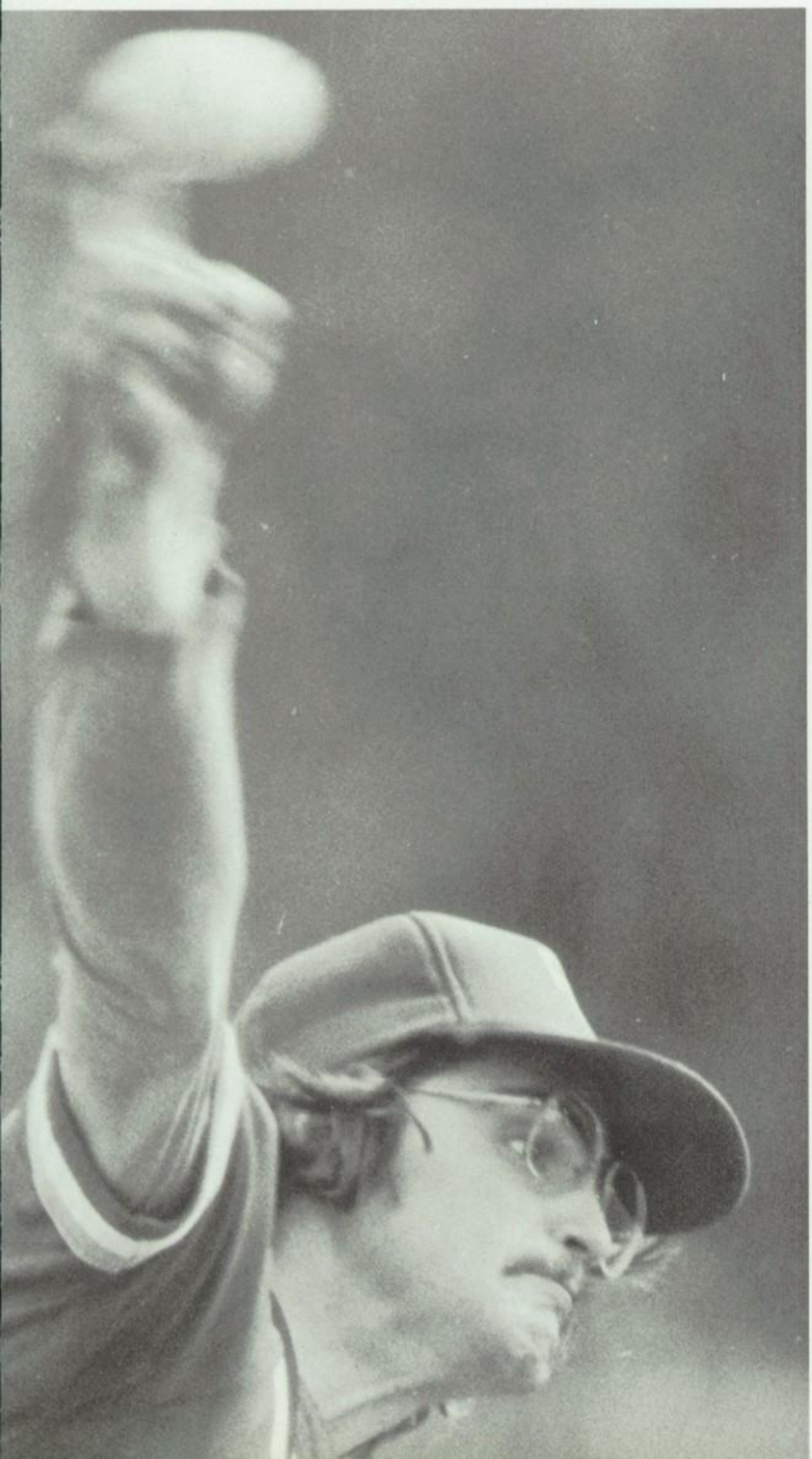


"The ball's round, the bat's round, but you've got to hit it square!" With Coach Fleet's demonstration of his theory, how can we go wrong!?

Front Left to right: Manager Mike Mullen, Glen Bielby, Rod Armstrong, Dave Minicozzi, Jay Smith, Chris DeLutis, Rich Desa, Buddy DiMaggio, Fred Rahmer. Back: Coach Bill Fleet, Jim Boyer, Joe DeFina, Manager Eric Pepper, Tom Delahunt, Hank Schachte, Tom Schmandt, Jeff Skibitski, Tim Reilley, Chuck Monroe, Matt Reilley, Pete McCormick, John Waite, Coach Wayne Cacciatori.

BASEBALL TEAM STEPS TO THE STATES

Tim Reilley gives his all.



The Varsity Baseball team, in their first year under coaches Bill Fleet and Wayne Cacciatori, completed the best season in the school's history. The team finished as New York State runners-up with a 19-4 record, a third straight IVL crown, the section III title, and the New York State Central Region Title!

The baseball teams banquet was held at the Polish Home. Many citations were given. Most improved player was given to both Tom Delahunt and to Chuck Monroe. John Waite received the Burns-Sears award. Presented the 100% award was Rod Armstrong. Jay Smith and Jeff Skibitski were honored with the Thurman Munson award. The leading offensive player was Tim Reilley and the most valuable player was Rich Desa.

SCOREBOARD

RCH		Opponent
4	VVS	7
2	Adirondack	0
7	Camden	0
4	Oriskany	2
8	West Canada	1
9	Dolgeville	2
2	Camden	9
5	Adirondack	0
15	Westmoreland	3
1	Oriskany	0
14	West Canada	2
9	Notre Dame	8
8	Dolgeville	5
2	Westmoreland	3
4	Sandy Creek	2
6	APW	2
16	Weedsport	3
11	Oriskany	2
5	Chadwicks	2
4	Hancocj	2
7	Norwood-Norfolk	5
4	Draper	0
2	Wilson	5

GIRLS' SOFTBALL ROSTER

Kim Pflanzer
Denise Brown
Paula Gratch
Kathleen Kernan
JoAnn LoVaglio
Michele Marrazzo
Patico DeFina
Susan Gabriel
Maureen Gavin
Carleen Gugliemo
Susan Hayes
Laurie Monroe
Vicki Smith
Lynn Delaney

Lani Haines (Mgr.)

Michelle Marrazo displays her catching ability during an away game against Westmoreland. R.C.H. exploded in the last inning to give the Bulldogs a run for their money, but the Redwings still came home with a 14-13 loss.

RCH		Opponent
0	Adirondack	22
8	Ariskany	14
12	Dolgeville	12
6	Adirondack	27
13	Westmoreland	14
3	Oriskany	24
16	Dolgeville	12
13	NYSSD	18
0	Westmoreland	20

"Has anyone seen my umbrella?" Oblivious to the rain, Coach Plopper encourages her team during her first year as coach.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

Moving Up

The 1983 girls' softball team showed much improvement under the new head coach, Robyn Plopper. The Redwings boomed to their first victory against Dolgeville in two years. It was a very successful day with Kim Pflanzer knocking in three RBI's, Kathleen Kernan hitting the first home run with bases loaded and Paula Gratch adding a double and two RBI's.

Many awards were given at the banquet which took place outdoors at Lani Haines' house. Most Improved Player was given to Kim Pflanzer and Kathleen Kernan received Best Defensive Player. Paula Gratch was recipient of the Best Offensive Player award. Coach Plopper feels that next year's team will be one "to look out for."

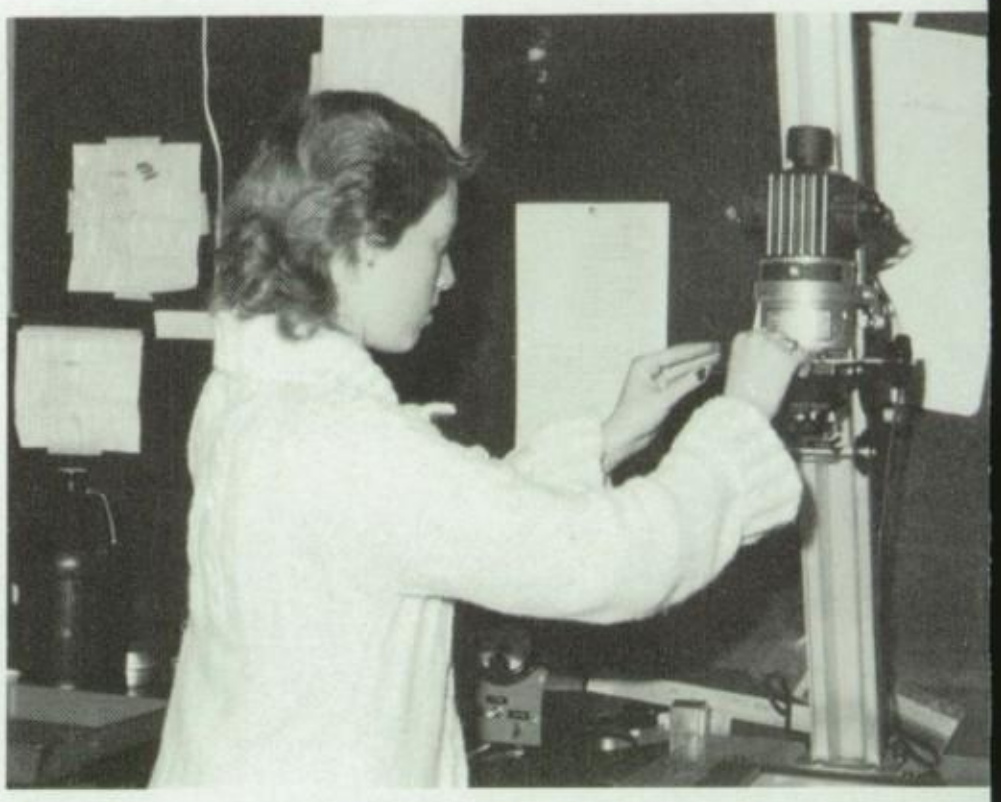
Susan Gabriel strives for a strike against Westmoreland. The sophomore pitcher saw a lot of action this year and is seen as a promising player for the next two seasons.

"She's a swinger!" During a game at the Deaf School Kathy Kernan succeeds in slugging a double.

ACADEMICS

Academically, RCH is a step ahead of most other schools in the area. Rome Catholic has expanded its art and math departments. The extended art program includes a new photography course offered under the guidance of Mrs. Judy Mullin. Computers were added to the math department to meet the demands of our computerized society.

Several new teachers have joined the RCH faculty, including Sister Isabelle Marie and Miss Vacca in the English department, Mr. Bono and Mrs. Maurer in the Social studies department, and Mrs. Hutchinson in the math department.



Mad scientists at play? Senior Liz Odell works hard in the darkroom in order to achieve the perfect effects in her photograph. She is part of a new photography class being taught by Mrs. Mullin.

Administration hard at work: Serving as both vice-principal and athletic director, Mr. Didio seems to be a busy man but not too busy to share a few laughs with juniors, Lauri Brognano and Cindy Dite.

Is this poker lessons or English class? Taking a breather from the everyday reading and writing, English teacher, Mr. Messick, takes time on Mini-Course Day to teach students the finer points of card playing.

dreamer at large: Danny McAuliffe takes a brief respite from long hours (?!) of studying while Chris Carrier keeps plugging y at his biology. The library offers quiet study time for all stu-ts.

KEEPING A STEP AHEAD

The Administration oversees and advises us as we climb step by step throughout our high school years. As our principal, Sr. Mary Salvaterra supervises in the school events and tries to keep students out of trouble.

Mr. Thomas Potter and Mr. Frank Didio both serve as assistant principals. Mr. Potter's duties include disciplining students and offering guidance. Mr. Didio, vice-principal and athletic director, takes charge of scheduling all special events and all sports contests.

Mrs. Vera Helwig and Sr. Mary Gabriel Delaney are the secretaries who keep the school functioning smoothly. Mrs. Chris Linn is the attendance officer and Mrs. Connie McConnell is one of the school nurses.

Mrs. Helwig adds a bit of brightness to the business office with her smile.

Sister Mary Gabriel handles one of the many phone calls that keep the main office "buzzing".

Sister Mary Salvaterra completes 5 years as principal of RCH.

Mr. Didio commands the RCH athletic program from his new office.

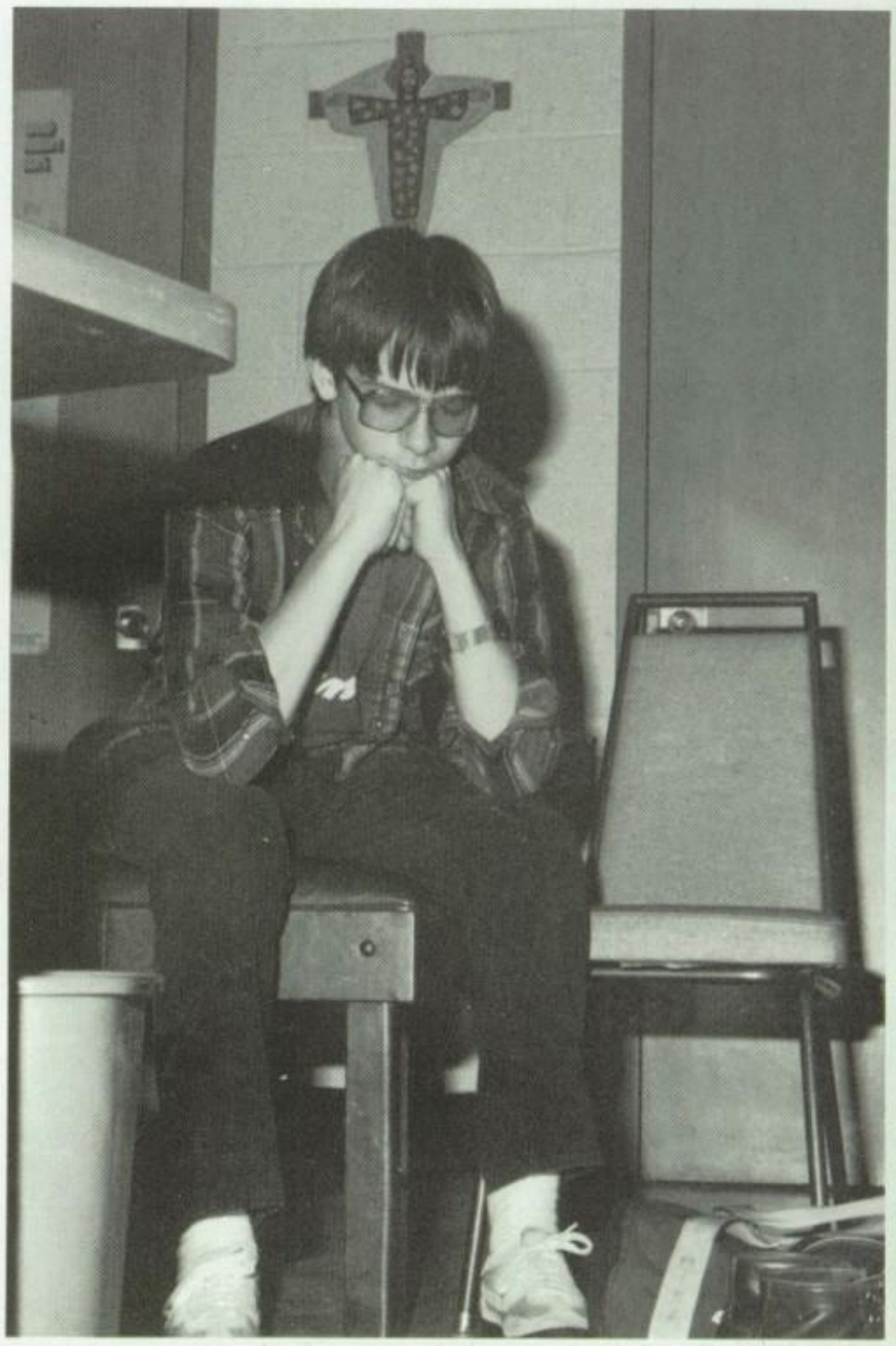
Mrs. Linn takes time from hearing absentee "excuses" to welcome visitors.

Mrs. McConnell, the school nurse, thumbs through the files looking for health records.

IN HIS FOOTSTEPS

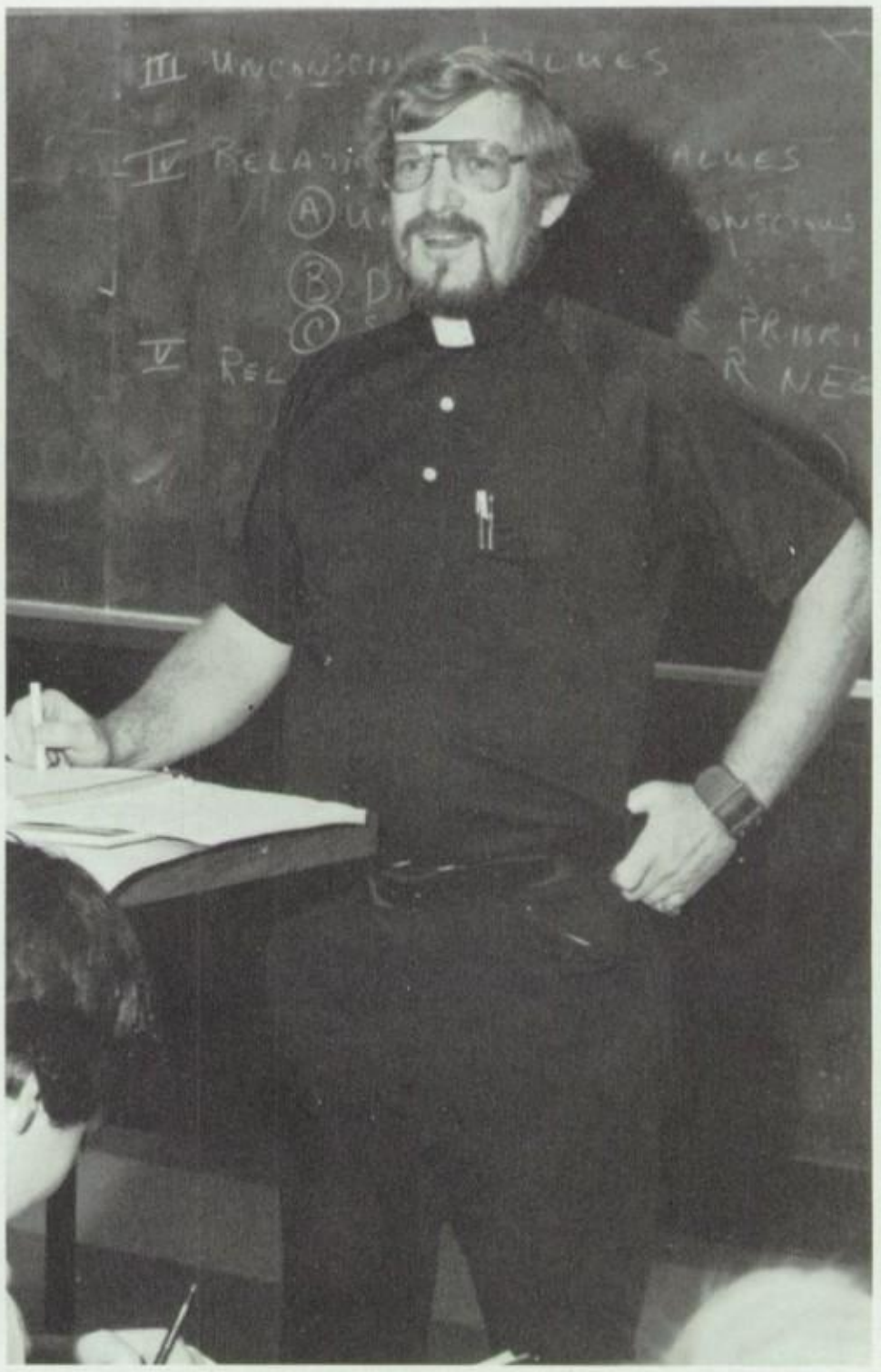
The religion department is an effective teaching component at RCH. It not only emphasizes the history of our religion but it keeps students in contact with the modern morality of their contemporary society. It takes steps in helping kids deal with their problems and grow spiritually.

The religion department consists of Father Peter Creed, who instructs students in religion 10, 11, and 12, and Father Thomas Durant, who instructs students in religion 9, 10, and 12. The seniors are divided into two one-half year courses called Interpersonal Communication and Marriage.



Sophomore, Mike Warwick, finds a quiet moment or two behind the chapel to reflect upon his day.

Kim Mullin administers communion to Michael Durr in the first mass of the school year. For the third year in a row, RCH students were inducted as Eucharistic Ministers.



"GOD KNOWS ALL." Father Durant keeps an eye on his class while teaching the Old Testament.

"DID I EVER TELL YOU THE STORY . . ." Father Creed often begins a discussion in religion with an anecdote.

Steps toward unity are at the first school mass. These various momentos were used in the offertory procession to symbolize the togetherness at RCH.

WONDER IN WORDS

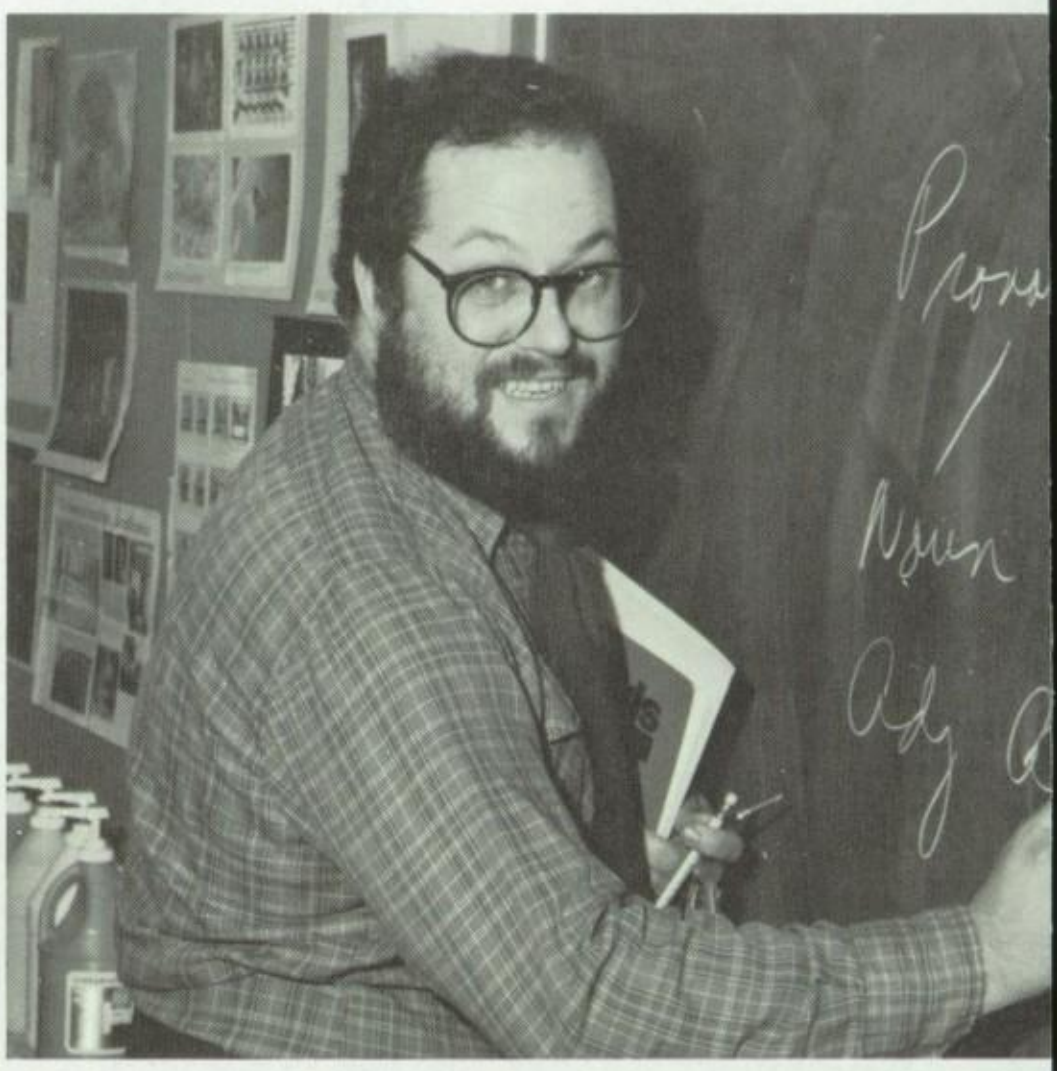
Through the combined efforts of Sister Nancy, Mrs. Messick, Mr. Messick, Sister Isabelle Marie, and Miss Vacca, the English department continues to expand and grow. While enforcing the fundamentals of our language, the English department also enriches students' understanding of literature. Through reading poetry, novels, and short stories, students are able to unravel the mystery of human thought, feeling, and expression.

Miss Vacca and Sister Isabelle both tutor students. Miss Vacca aids students in improving the art of communicating. In doing so, she prepares students to pass competency tests. Sister Isabelle also helps students to more effectively approach tests. She teaches a course that prepares underclassmen for the SAT, a basic testing requirement for entry into most colleges.

"MY NUMBER'S IN THE BOOK!" Besides being the English 10, 11, and 12, Mr. Messick (known to students as "Mighty Mez") finds time to moderate the drama club in the fall. He is also the drama director for the annual spring musical.

"OH NO IT'S NOT!!" Mrs. Messick (same address as Mr. Messick) teaches English 9, 10, and 12, and journalism. She was also brave enough to take on the yearbook staff, serving as moderator.

"OKAY, WHAT ARE YOU GUYS UP TO THIS TIME?" Miss Vacca, new to the RCH family this year, has been a welcome addition to the reading lab where she helps students to improve their reading and writing skills.



Sister Nancy's smile adds a bit of sunshine to a hectic day. She teaches English 9, 11, and 12 and is also the moderator of the school newspaper.

Sister Isabelle, another first-timer at Rome Catholic, drills students on vocabulary to prepare them for their SAT's.

Junior Sharon Chu finds a quiet spot to ponder yet another English assignment.

BASIC STEPS

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Rem *** Leaping Forward With Figures ***
10?'  RCH math department is moving into future
      with additional computers:
20?" Along with math courses available to students in
      grades 9-12, there are also computer courses
      available."
30?" Math department teachers include:"
40?" TAB (10); "Mrs. Sharon Viton:"
41?"  TAB (15); "Calculus"
43?" TAB (15); "Pre-Calculus"
43?" TAB (15); "Trigonometry"
44?" TAB (15); "Computer Science I & II"
50?" TAB (10); "Miss Jean Ottman:"
50?" TAB (15); "Algebra"
52?" TAB (15); "Geometry"
60?" TAB (10); "Miss Natalie Hutchinson:"
61?"  TAB (15); "Pre-Algebra"
62?" TAB (15); "School Geometry"
63?" TAB (15); "School Trigonometry"
70?" TAB "So as this program is written step by step,
      we advance into a new dimension of
      mathematics."
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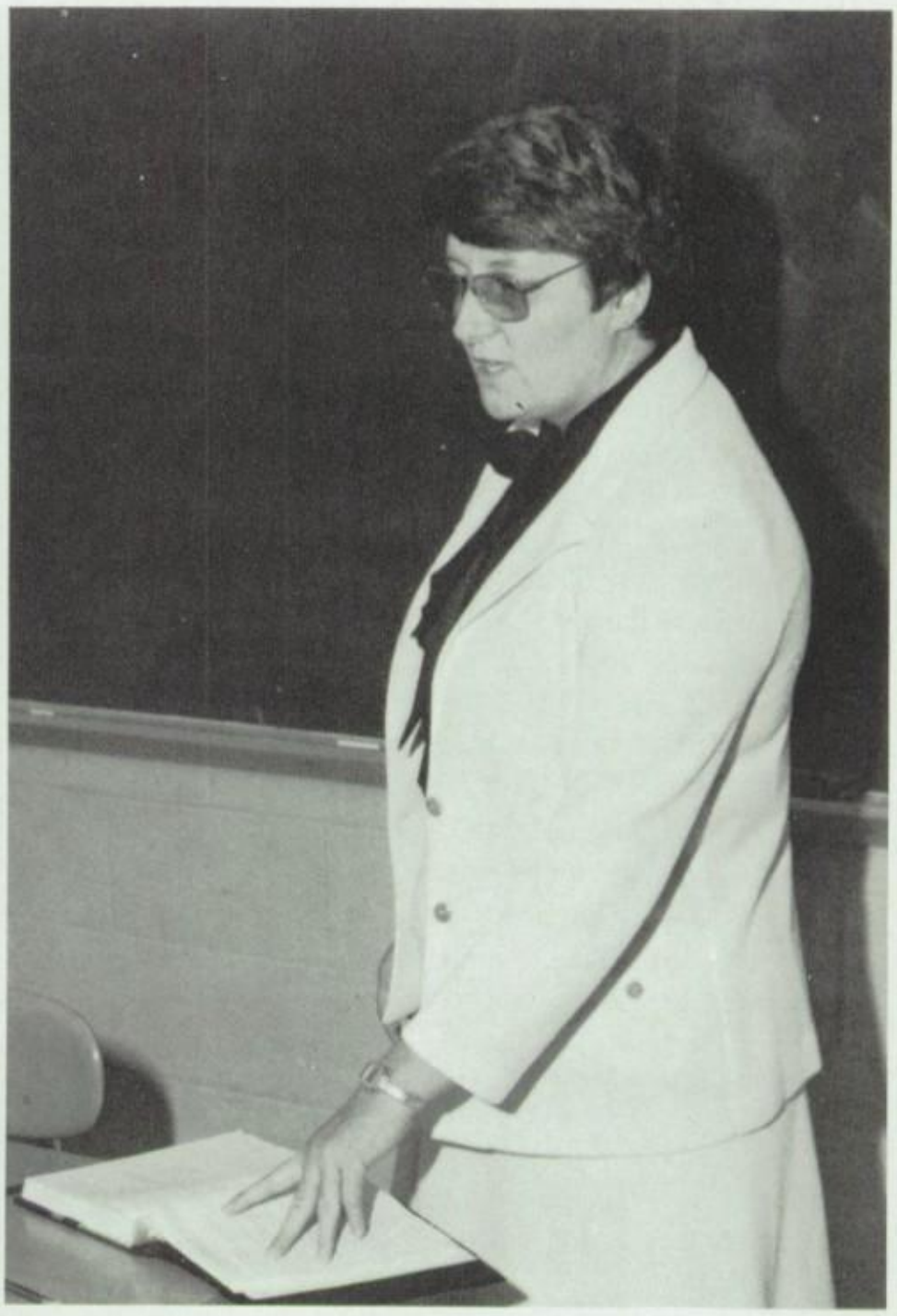
"Andrea, how am I supposed to copy you if I can't read your writing?" Andrea Scott and Desiree Ferlo try to figure out a math problem.

Senior Mary Gensheimer puts her free time to good use in the computer room.



"Stick 'em up!" Mrs. Viton threatens noisy students while she holds up her class.

"There's no such thing as an A-S-S triangle." Miss Ottman instructs her class on geometric proofs.

Miss Hutchison shares a joke with her students.

Students concentrate hard in biology if they hope to pass the Regents examination.

Sister Maura observes the lab procedures of Ed Precheur and Lou Rognoni while they experiment on flame tests.

PROGRESSION INTO SCIENCE

Biology labs, Chemistry labs, Physics labs, almost all dreaded by students taking science courses. But these are crucial classes and important labs that shouldn't be taken lightly.

Every science class is like a lab write-up. Established steps are taken to complete a lab. One single step doesn't constitute a lab, neither does any one science course produce any overall effect. All the steps are related as are the courses of science. One step of a lab is contingent on the step prior to it, just as Chemistry is to Biology.

But to combine all the steps, a complete lab is written. Science courses available such as earth science, taught by Sr. Maura Rhode to freshmen; Modern Biology, offered to sophomores by Sr. Margaret Cecila; Modern Chemistry, taught by Sr. Maura taken by those who successfully completed biology; Modern Physics taught by Mr. Thomas Potter, and genetics and physiology courses taught by Sr. Margaret Cecilia, available to seniors; produce well-rounded science students.

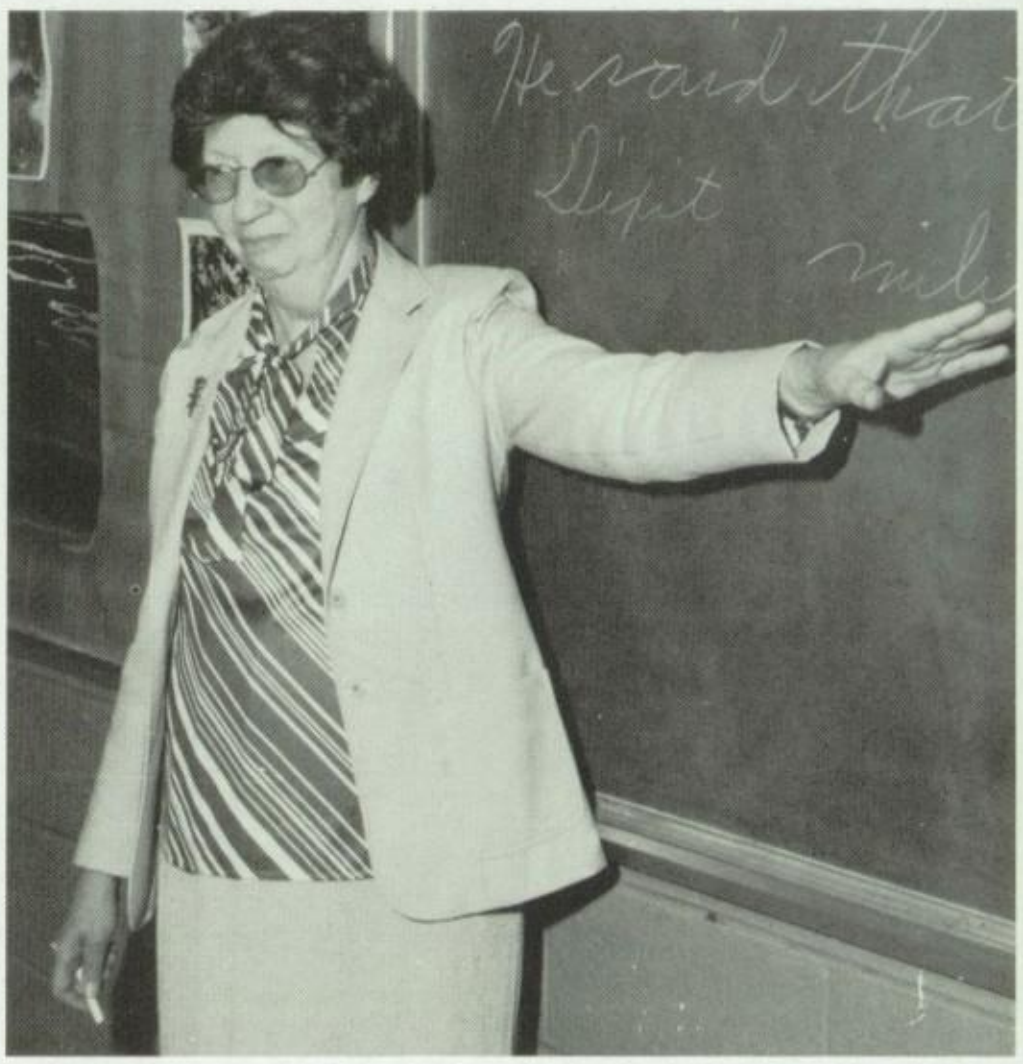
Sr. Margaret Cecilia loves to teach in the comfortable surroundings of her beautiful plants.

"Sister, where's your coffee cup?" One rarely sees Sr. Maura teaching without her faithful cup of coffee.

A STEP BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS

During history class, students learn about the past, as well as the present, and are also being taught what to expect in the future. Through the excellent teaching skills of Mrs. Suzanne Maurer, Sr. Mary Winifred Sullivan, and Mr. Charles Bono, students are exposed to many events—past, and present, and future. For instance, students experience the many different cultures of India; the chaos of Revolutionary France, the world-wide wars and Middle-Eastern wars; the economy of present-day America, and the excitement of the outcomes of the elections to be held in 1984.

Working one's way from Afro-Asian, taught by Mr. Bono; to European Cultures, taught by Sr. Mary Winifred; one steps up in the junior year to American Studies taught by Mrs. Maurer. At the top, seniors choose to take Action Politics taught by Mr. Bono or Psychology, team—taught by Mrs. Maurer and Mr. Bono. Also, for the excellent students in history, there is an advanced placement course instructed by Mrs. Maurer.



Mrs. Suzanne Maurer explains the types of music that Americans listen to during one of her American Studies class.

Sr. Mary Winifred adds the flare of foreign languages to her teaching of European Culture.

Coach Bono entertains the audience and speakers during "Meet the Candidates Night".

Carl Eilenberg, soon to be re-elected mayor, addresses the audience at "Meet the Candidates Night" on October 25, 1983. This event was sponsored by the senior Action Politics students as a class project. Also present is Lou Campola, Eilenberg's challenger in the mayorial race.

"ONCE UPON A TIME IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR, AWAY . . . " Mike Schachte dozes during an interesting American Studies class.

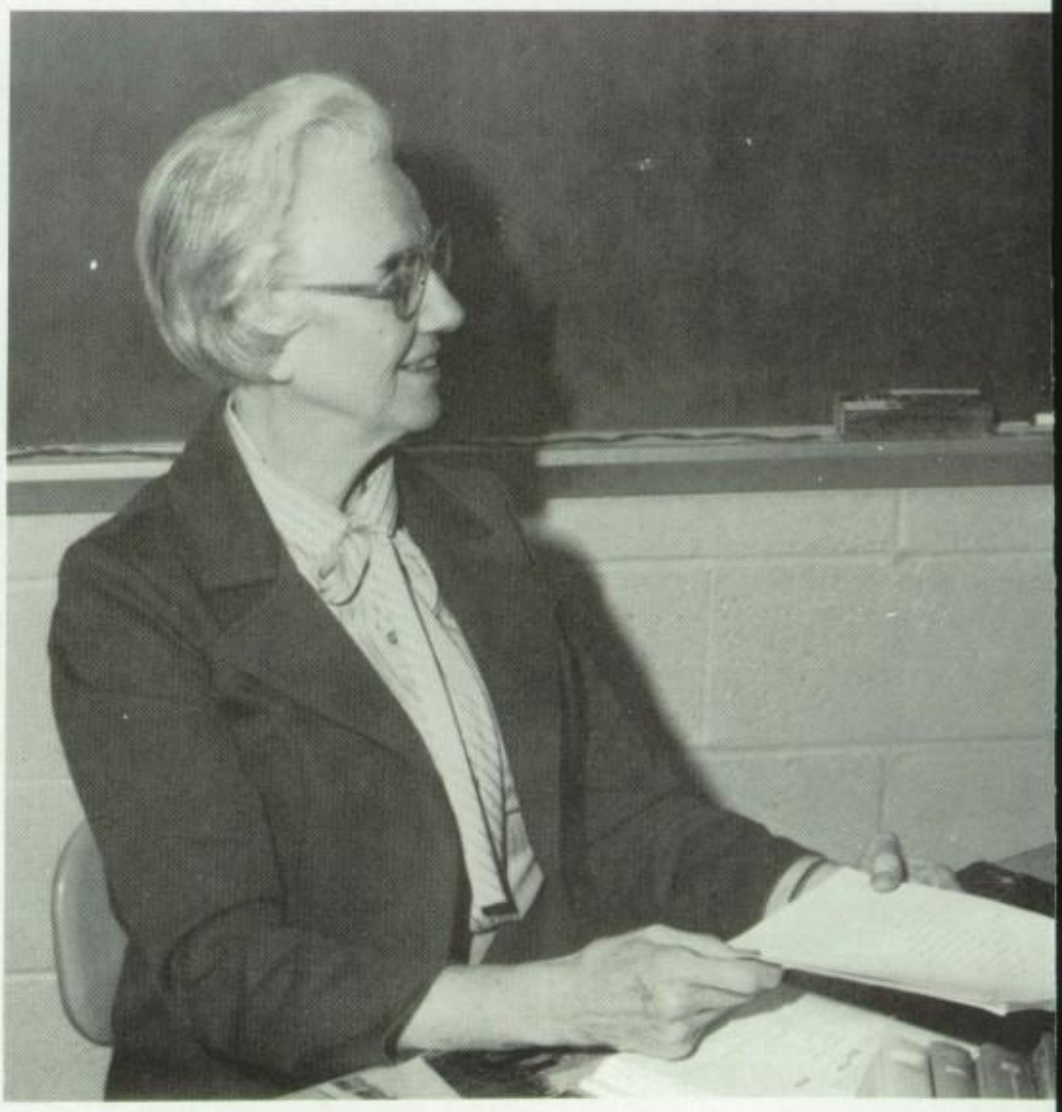
"TOM SELLECK EAT YOUR HEART OUT!" Mr. Bono takes a break from typing an Action Politics test to "pose for a candid."

FOREIGN FUN

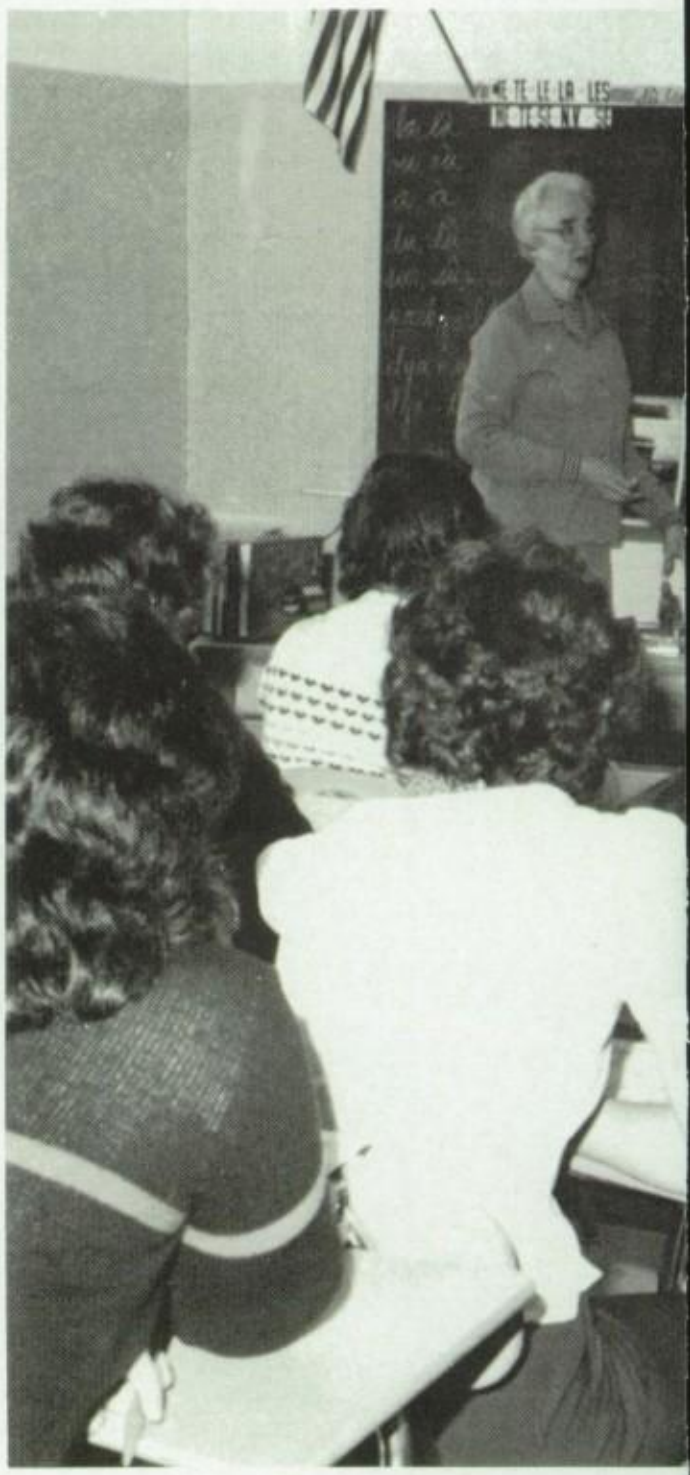
From, "Comment allez-vous?" to "Como esta?" to "Jak sie maz?", students at RCH greet one another in foreign languages. Foreign language is offered in the freshman year through the senior year as an elective or as a sequence.

Under the guidance of foreign language teachers, the students learn, in addition to the language itself, culture, geography, civilization, and cuisine.

The "connoisseur" of French is Sister Mary Lucy Dougherty and the "aficionado" of Spanish is Mrs. Regina Kekis. The tutor for Donna Gadomski and Chris Popowski, our new students from Poland, is Mrs. Landeau.



Mrs. Regina Kekis shows off her rendition of Pablo Picasso's work while discussing the significance of Spanish art.



Sister Mary Lucy enjoys one of her student's papers.

Sister Mary Lucy teaches a French II class on the culture and geography of Paris to her attentive students.

Donna Gadomski and Chris Popowski work at mastering their new language, English, with some help from Mrs. Landeau.

ARE THE SOPHOMORES TRYING TO BUTTER UP MRS. KEKIS? It's a class full of smiles as Mrs. Kekis amuses her students with an occasional joke or two.

FORMING FUTURE TRACKS

The business and guidance departments both prepare students for steps toward the future.

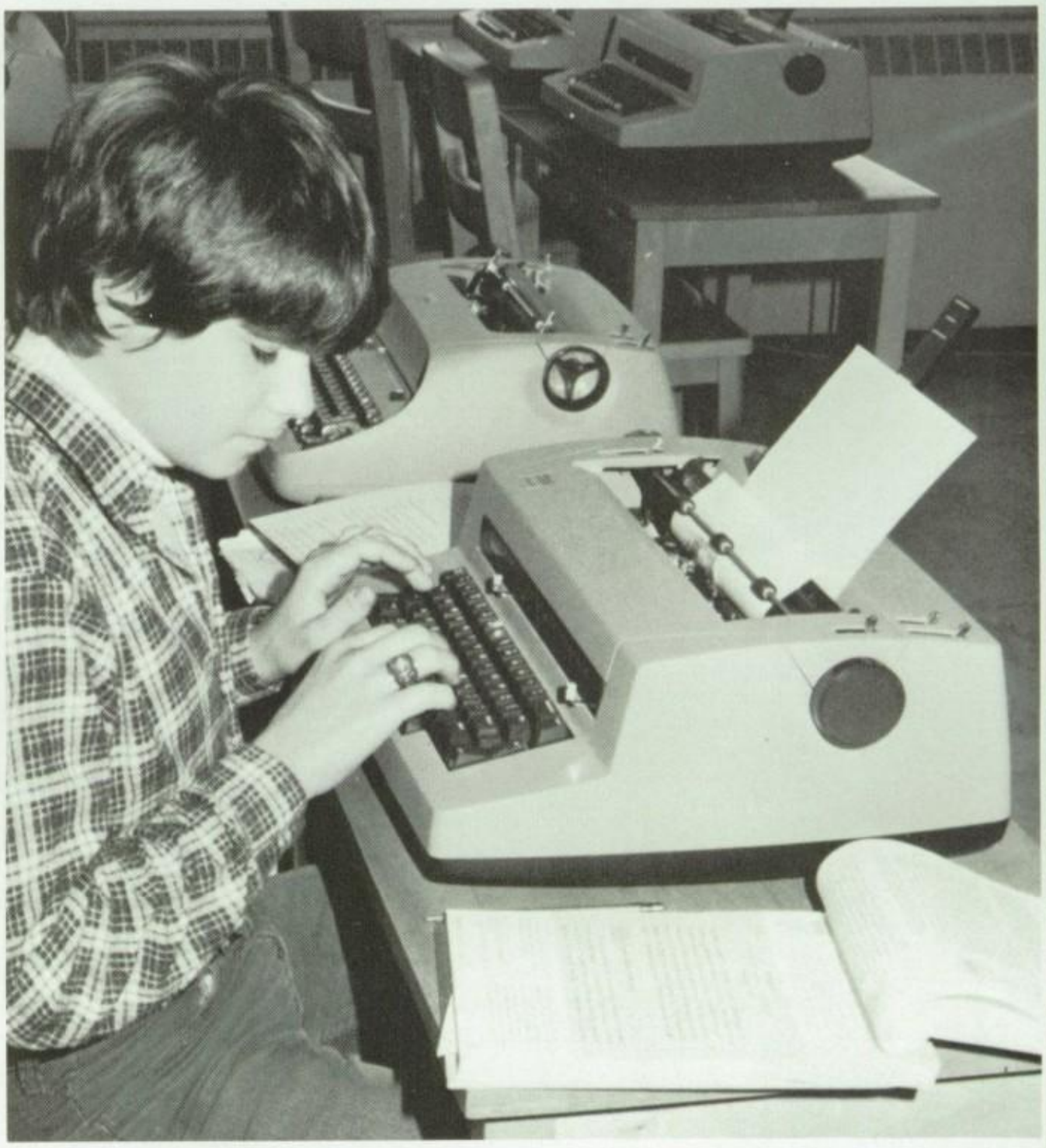
Helping students prepare for what is to come is Mr. Wenz, who teaches consumer education, accounting, record keeping, business law, business math, and business dynamics.

Sister Anne Gabriel also aids in the preparation of business students. Sister teaches shorthand, keyboarding and communications, and office practice. As a part-time business teacher, Sister Marion Rypski oversees the personal typing classes.

The guidance department helps students who are confused about religious or educational decisions. Mr. Thomas Potter gives guidance to students in grades 9 and 10, while Sister Marion gives assistance to those students in grades 11 and 12.

"DEAR SANTA . . ." Kelly Crane tries to perfect his typing skills.

Mr. Wenz instructs his students on being a better consumer.



"WHAT DO YOU WANT TO HEAR FIRST—THE GOOD NEWS? OR THE BAD NEWS?" Mr. Potter enjoys his new position as guidance counselor.

"DO YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT?" Enjoying her day in the guidance office, Mrs. Didone works hard to get the endless forms completed.

Mr. Wenz advises students on making better business choices.

"I'VE GOT YOUR NUMBER!" Sister Marion proudly shows off the senior files.

AND WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT, SISTER? Sister Anne gives a little smile while teaching her class.

CLIMBING CREATIVELY

The library aids students in the everyday tasks of completing their schoolwork. Sr. Rose Falsgraff is in charge of the library and is always willing to help students. Keeping the materials up to date and, in general, assisting Sr. Rose, is Mrs. Muriel Potocki.

Art classes are a very important part of a student's "total experience" at RCH. Providing a relaxed atmosphere guided by discipline is instructor Mrs. Judy Mullin. A wide variety of courses, ranging from painting and drawing to studio in art, keep Mrs. Mullin busy during the day.

Home economics classes are also taught in an easy-going atmosphere in which students learn the basics of cooking and sewing under the guidance of Miss Regina Cipullo.

Music classes are thoroughly enjoyed by students. These classes also provide the fundamentals of "Do-Re-Me". Leading the parade is Sister Elizabeth Colby.

Librarian, Sister Rose Falsgraff, keeps a keen eye on the students to make sure they're working. The RCH library has a wealth of resource materials for the students' and faculty's convenience.

HELLO! Mrs. Muriel Potocki can often be seen at the side of Sister Rose in the library helping with filing, typing, and putting books away.

GOOFING OFF AGAIN, SOPHOMORES? Kathryn Pflanzer, Carl Mattacola, Mark Minicozzi, and Stephanie Bourgeau share a few laughs in the library during their free time. Study hall is the only time underclass students are allowed in the library.

AAACK! WATCH THE TIE, RON! WATCH THE TIE! Miss Cipullo attempts to teach senior Ron Pabis the finer points of cooking. Senior home-ec is a one semester course which includes sewing as well as cooking.

Mrs. Mullin, a former RCH student herself, keeps busy during free time with a painting of her own, which is a scene drawn from a window in her room.

Home-ec teacher, Miss Cipullo, not only teaches cooking and sewing but also cuts hair, even after a long day's work at school.

Music teacher, Sister Elizabeth Colby, enjoys spending some spare time with her faithful piano. She is also the musical director of the annual RCH musicals.

PILLARS OF SUPPORT

The support staff of RCH is like the support that pillars give a building. As there is a need for many pillars to keep a building intact, there also is a need for many people to keep this school intact.

Mrs. Skibitski, Mrs. Barber, and Mrs. Johnson make up the cafeteria department. Every Tuesday is their break from the perils of cooking. A new program, McDonald's Day, provides the school lunches on that day.

Mr. Froelich (known to many as "Don"), Mr. Ameduri, and Mr. Dangerfield are in charge of school maintenance. Besides their everyday duties, they also do extra tasks, such as putting up the new scoreboards.

Mrs. Sprock, Mrs. Mulligan, and Mrs. Lavarnway conclude our support staff. They can often be seen volunteering their services in the resource center or substituting for absent teachers. We all appreciate you!

Mrs. Margaret Skibitski displays her McDonald's Day get-up.

Mrs. Jean Johnson is one of our ever-faithful cafeteria workers.

Mrs. Lee Barber puts in much of her time making lunches for the students.

Mrs. Natalie Mulligan spends her time working in the social studies resource center.

Mrs. Doris Lavarnway also adds to the proper functioning of the school.

Mr. Pat Dangerfield adjusts the basketball backboard.

Taking this picture in a casual pose, Mr. Sam Ameduri is never seen without his hat.

Mrs. Gretchen Sprock can also be seen in the resource center correcting papers.

Mr. Donald Froelich always adds a word of good cheer or encouragement to faculty and students alike.

JUMPIN' GYM

In the department of physical fitness, Miss Bagnall and Mr. Adey (alias, "Howie") lead the students in enjoyable and healthy activities.

Mr. Adey has replaced Coach Davis as the boys' gym teacher and seems to be having no problem meeting the challenge of his new assignment.

Physical education is mandatory for all students. During the four year program, students participate in a wide variety of sports. Unique classes consist of speedaway, pillow polo, bombardment, and floor hockey.

MISS BAGNALL—THE NEXT QUARTERBACK FOR THE DALLAS COWBOYS? Taking advantage of the nice weather, Miss Bagnall brings her class outside for a game of touch football.

"SIGN HIM UP!" Tom Schmandt shoots some hoop during open gym.

IS YOUR JOB EASY OR WHAT? Coach Adey enjoys his new position as physical education teacher.

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Participating in the Interact Club, sophomore Kathleen Gifford visits a friend once a cycle at Bethany House.

"WE'RE SUCH HAMS!" Seniors Angela Jackson and Julie Barber take a break between classes to pose for the camera.

"WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!" Jim Boyer and Mark Stachnik, seniors on the varsity football team, celebrate a touchdown.

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"BORED?" Deanna Fenus, junior, takes a breather after a tiring day of tests.

Kim Mullin and Beth Vacca get ready for the Christmas season by trimming the tree and discussing plans for the Christmas party.

Father Creed offers the Blood of Christ to Jeff Jennings, senior, during a mass in the school chapel.

"BOOT!" Kicker Joe DeFina aims for the ball (and not Mark Stachnik's hand) for the extra point.

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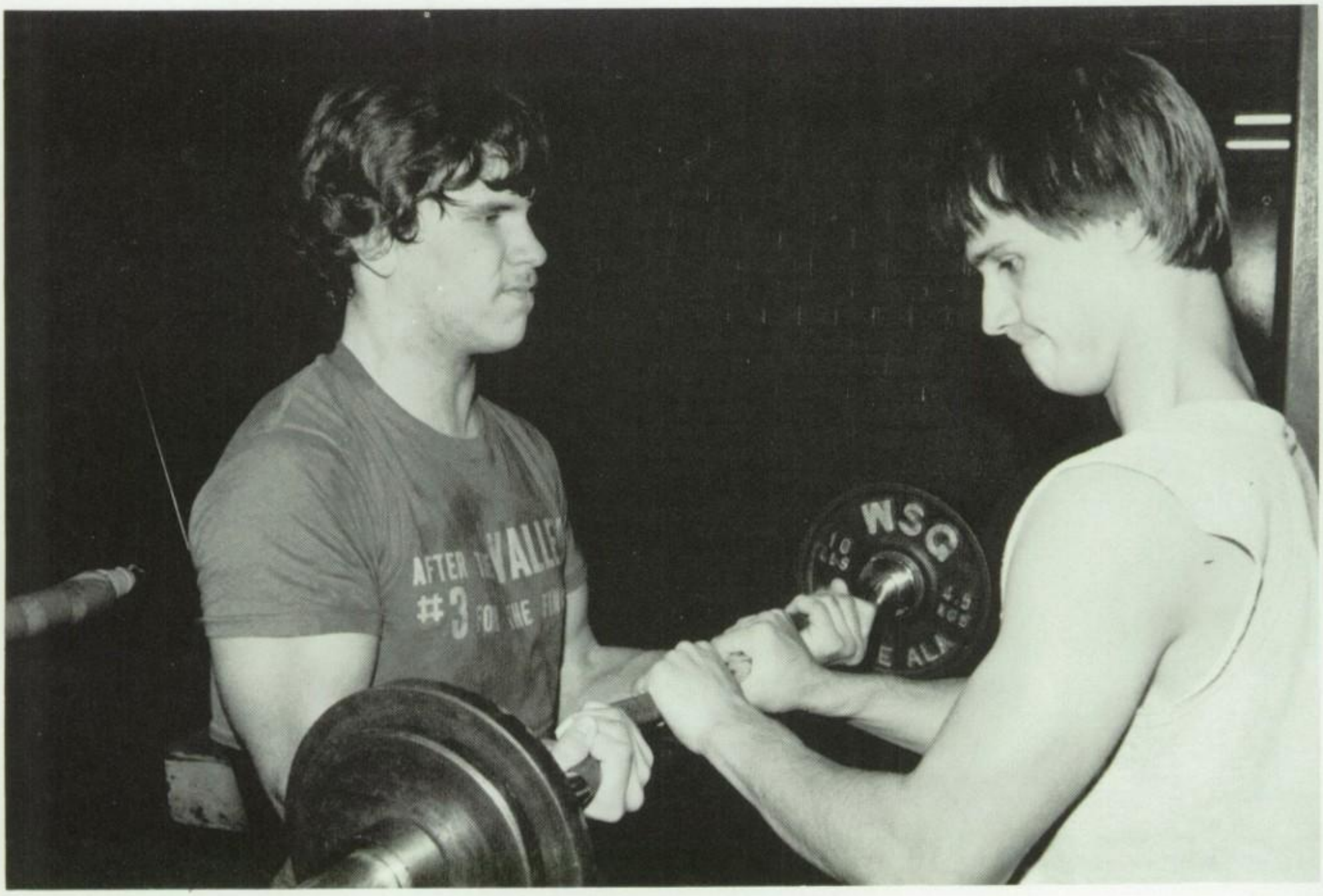
CHECK OUT THOSE BICEPS! Pat Kernan pumps some iron in the weight room as Jim Boyer provides resistance.



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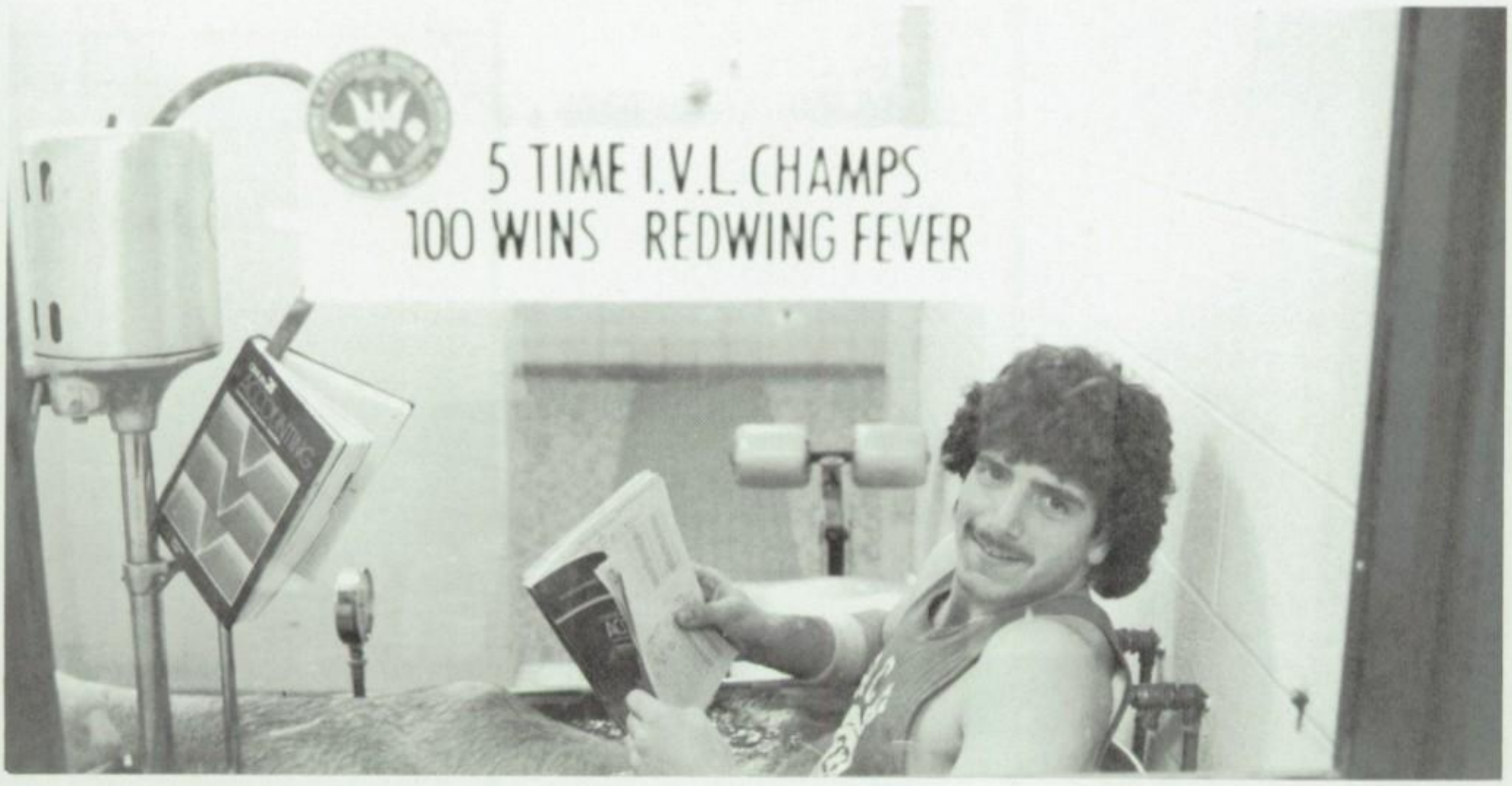

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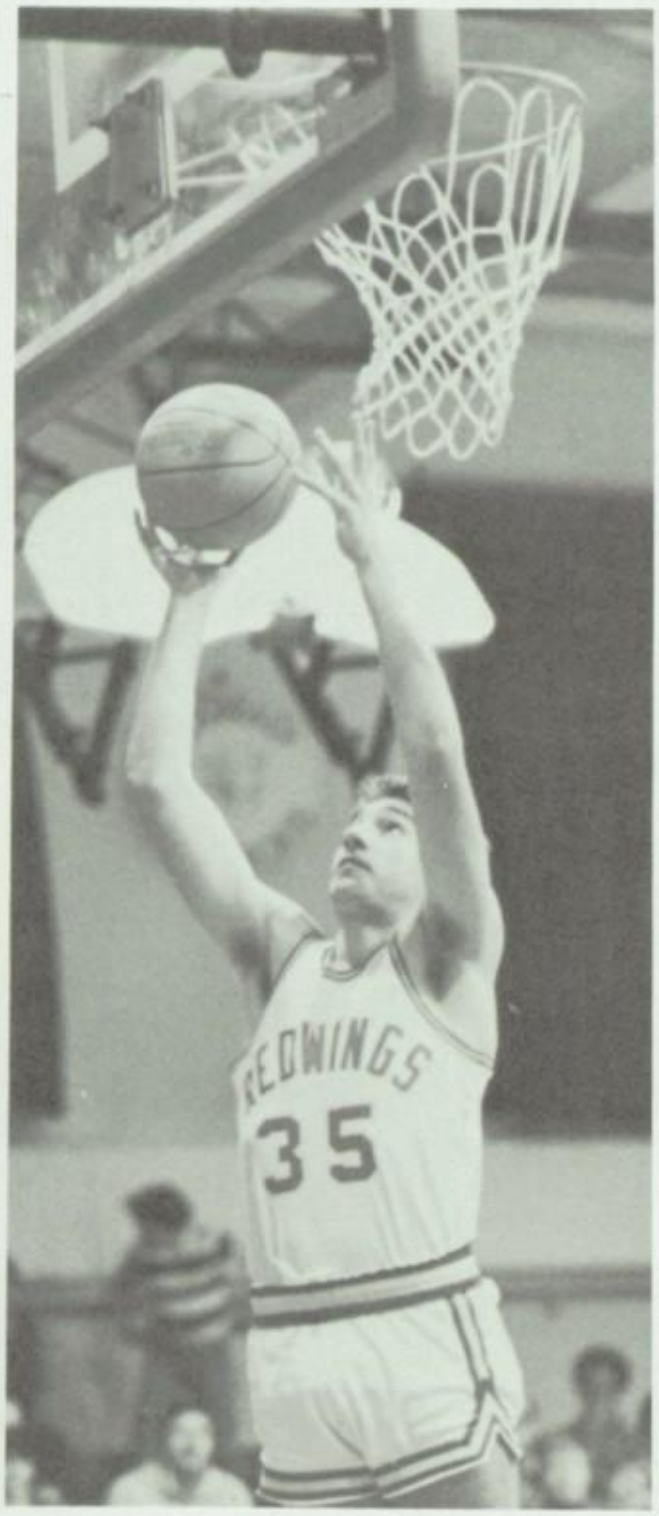

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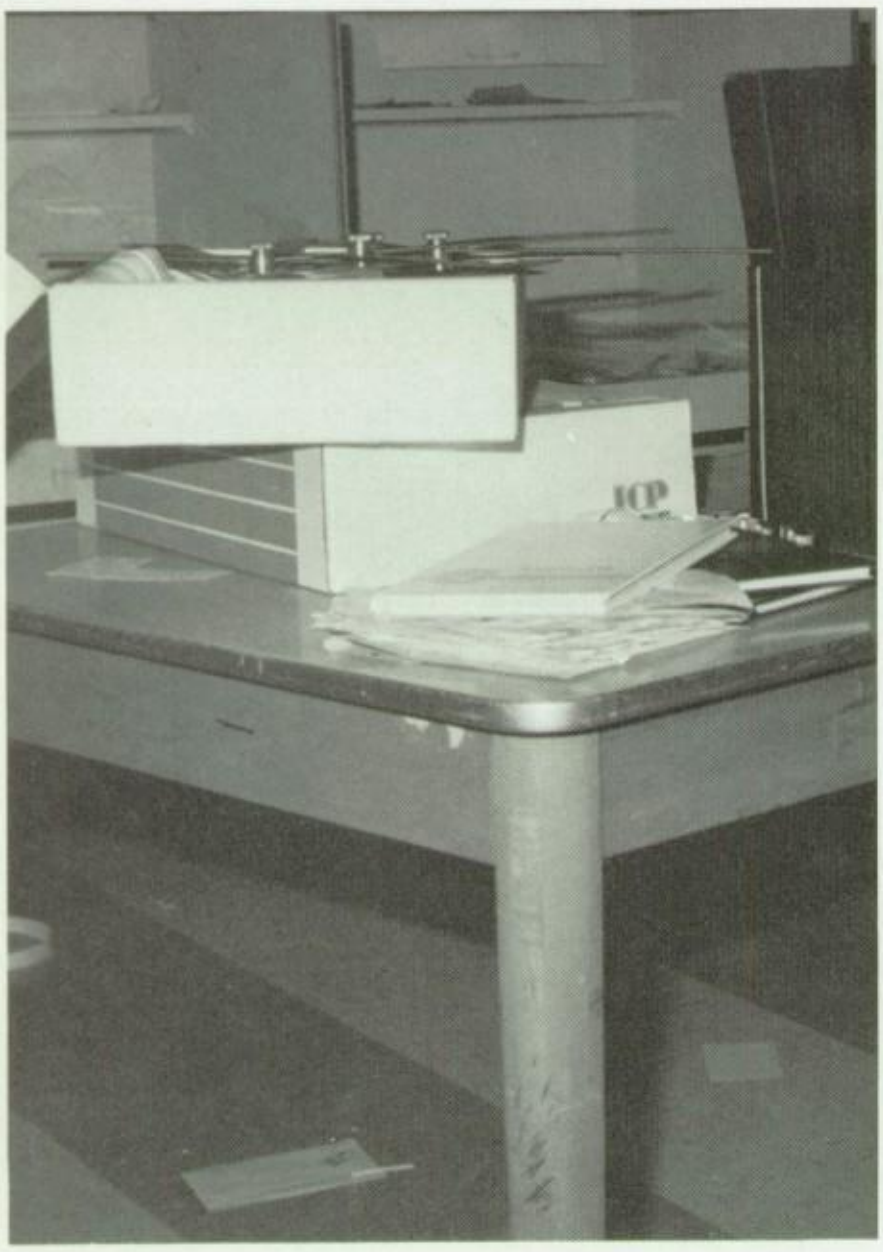

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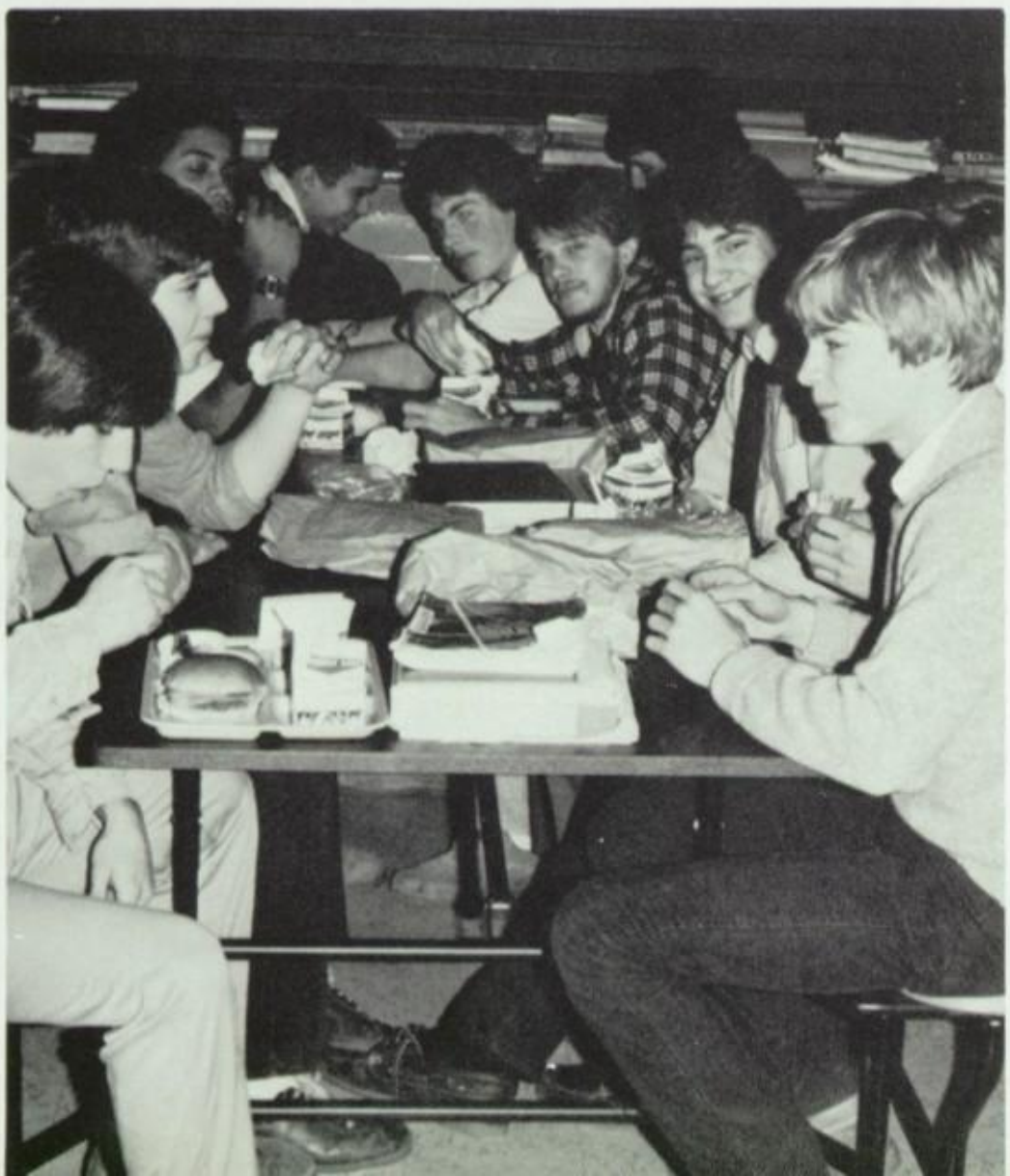

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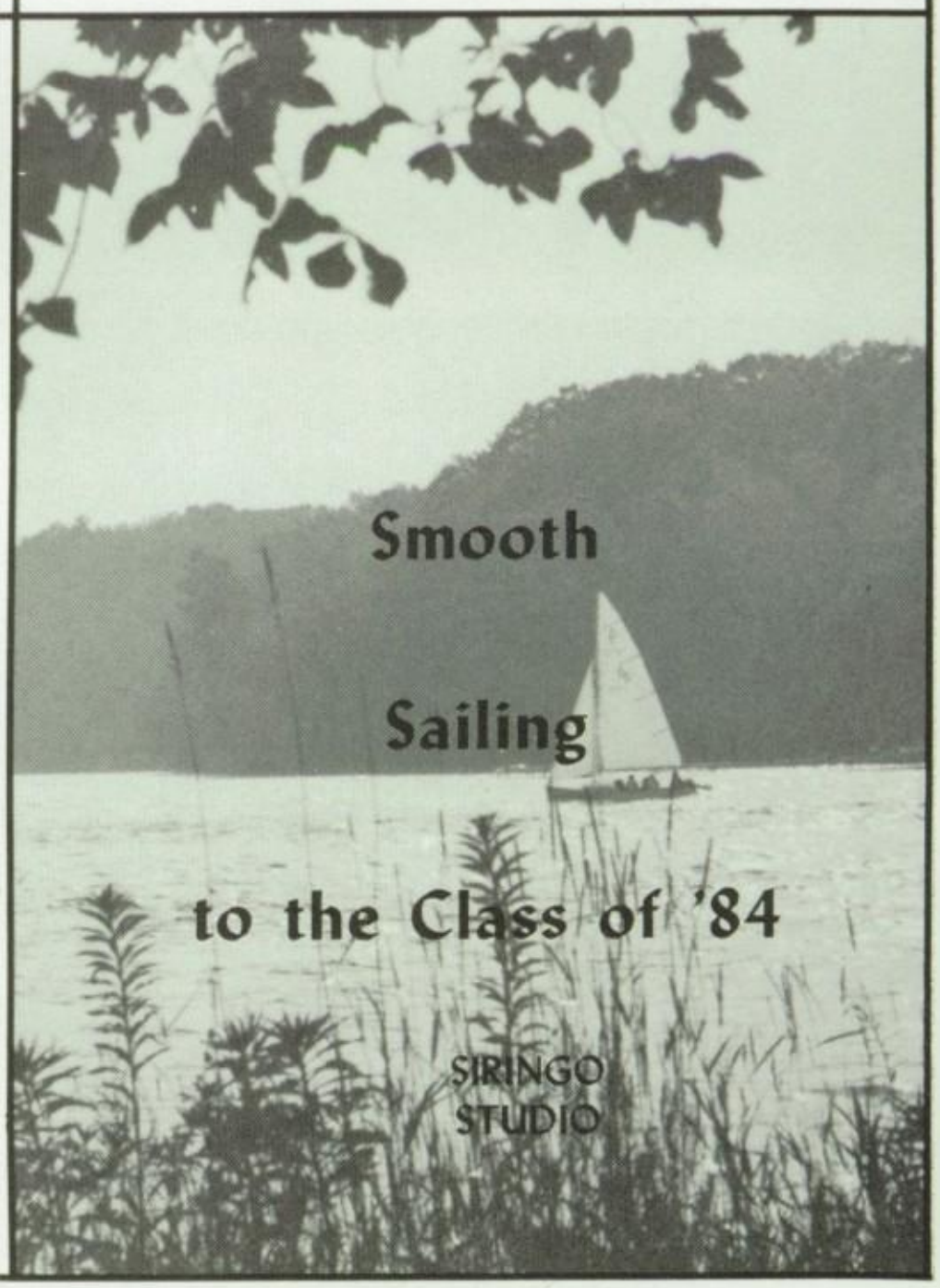

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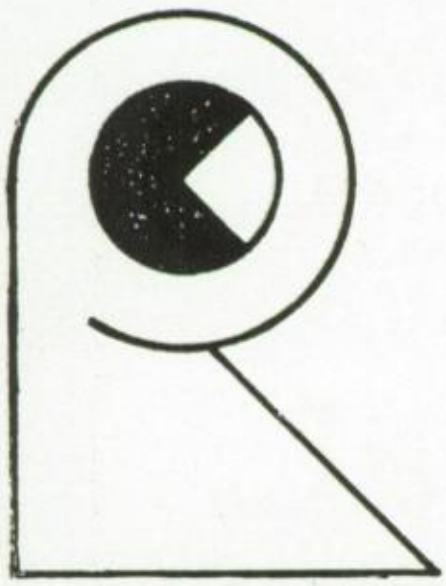

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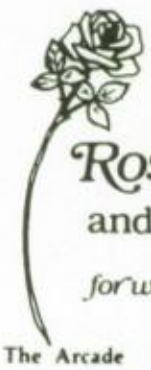

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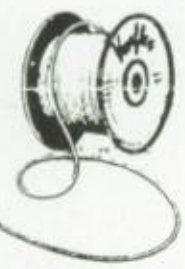

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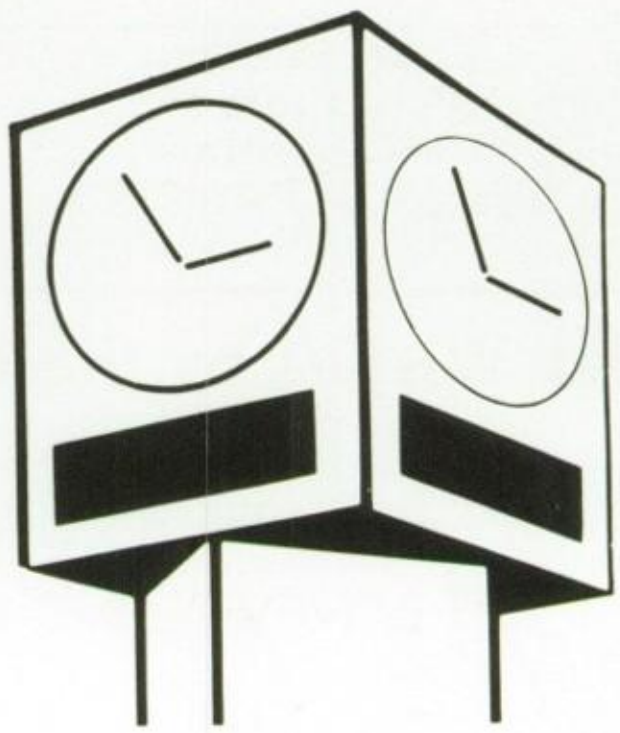

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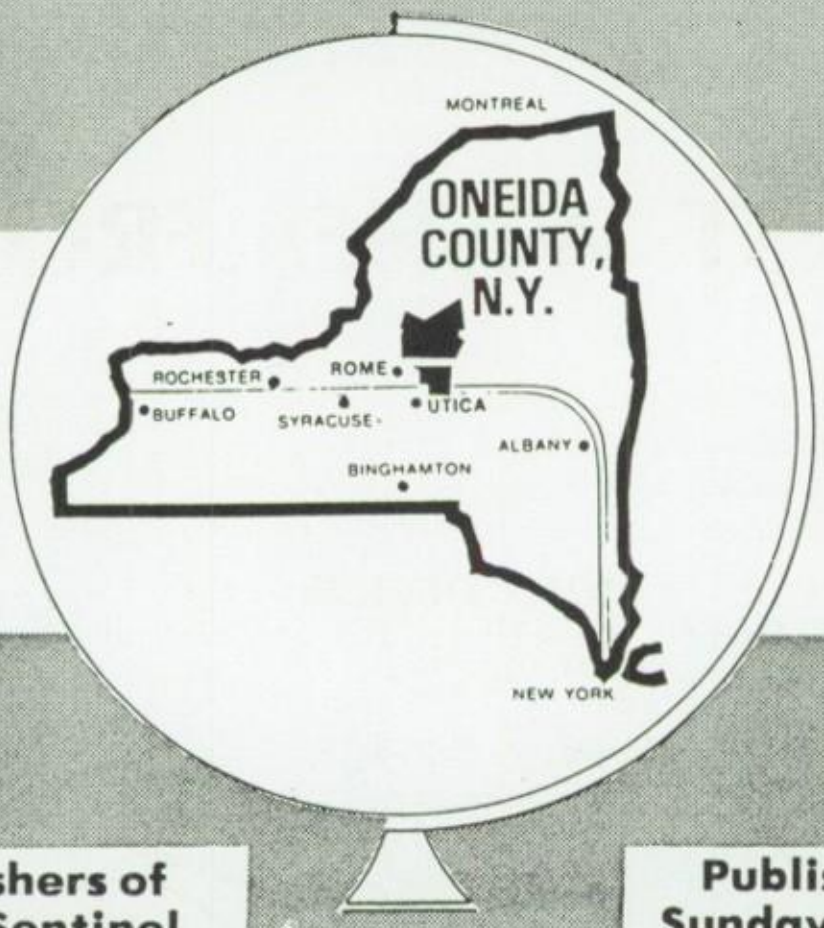

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LONG AGO AND FAR AWAY . . . Just prior to the 2:15 bell, Don Frloelich, janitor and friend to students, enjoys perhaps the quietest moment of the school day to collect his thoughts.

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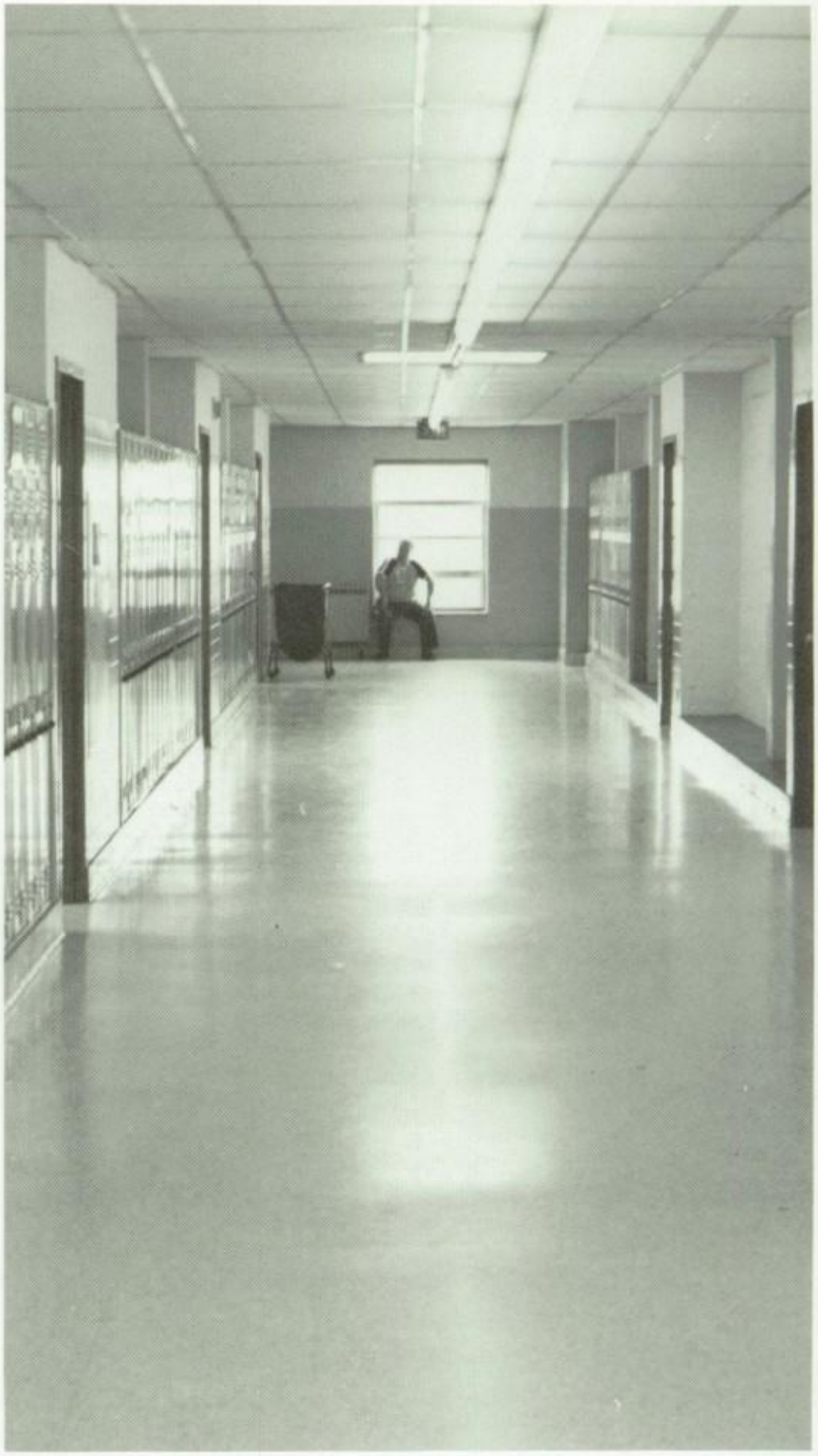
STEP ASIDE BIG BIRD . .. HERE COMES THE RED WINGS! As the school's "mascot" a mysterious (?!) masked Redwing stalks the bleechers and "fires" up the crowd.